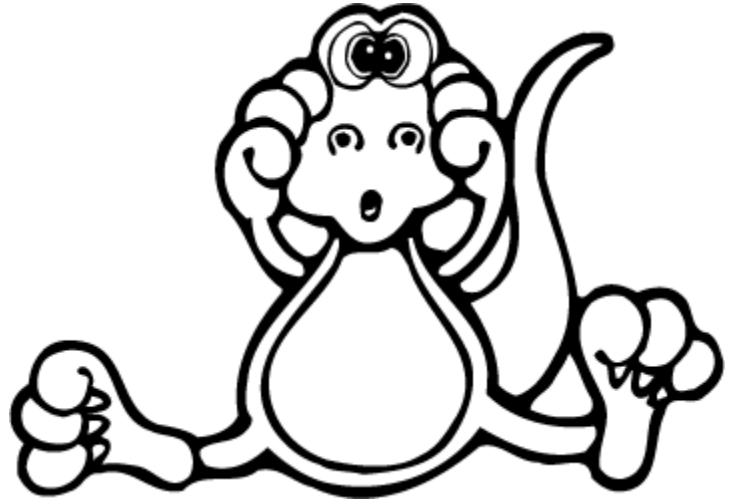


The Great Dinosaur Hunter

Barnum Brown was named after the owner of The Greatest Show on Earth, the P.T. Barnum traveling circus. Barnum Brown was born in 1873. Barnum Brown



was just four years old when the Great Dinosaur Rush of 1877 was happening. Dinosaur fossils had just been discovered in the United States and dinosaur hunters were searching for new treasures and undiscovered types of dinosaurs.

By the time he started school, Barnum already loved to explore the farm fields near his home in Kansas looking for fossils. Fossils are the remains of ancient creatures or ancient plants.

When he grew up Barnum Brown studied paleontology, the study of ancient prehistoric creatures. He began working for the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. His job was hunting for dinosaur fossils in the American West. Soon the museum was receiving dinosaur bones by the crate load.

In 1898 Barnum was hunting fossils in Wyoming where he found the complete skeleton on an *Apatosaurus* dinosaur. In 1902 Barnum found *Triceratops* bones but his greatest discovery was yet to come.

One day Barnum spotted some bones and it took two years to extract them from the surrounding sandstone. Barnum Brown had found the first *Tyrannosaurus Rex* dinosaur.



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Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. Barnum Brown was named after a circus
 - a. Clown
 - b. Acrobat
 - c. Owner

2. As a boy, what did Barnum Brown like to do after school?
 - a. Look for fossils
 - b. Read
 - c. Play baseball

3. Barnum Brown studied
 - a. Pathology
 - b. Physiology
 - c. Paleontology

4. In what state did Barnum Brown find important fossils?
 - a. New York
 - b. Wyoming
 - c. Kansas

5. Barnum Brown's most famous fossil find was
 - a. *Apatosaurus*
 - b. *Triceratops*
 - c. *Tyrannosaurus Rex*



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Short Answer

1. Locate the states of New York, Kansas and Wyoming on a map of the United States.
2. What are fossils?
3. What was the Great Dinosaur Rush of 1877?
4. What is paleontology?
5. Who or what provided the money for Barnum Brown's dinosaur hunts?
6. Do some research and draw a picture of a *Triceratops* dinosaur.
7. Do some research and draw a picture of a *Tyrannosaurus Rex* dinosaur.



Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. c.
2. a.
3. c.
4. b.
5. c.

Short Answer

1. Individual response
2. Fossils are the remains of ancient creatures and plants.
3. During the Great Dinosaur Rush of 1877 dinosaur hunters were searching for new fossils and undiscovered types of dinosaurs.
4. Paleontology is the study of ancient prehistoric creatures.
5. Barnum Brown worked for the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.
6. Individual response
7. Individual response

