Vocabulary

mystery science

Lesson: Why did the dinosaurs go extinct?

asteroid	a small, rocky object in outer space
atmosphere	the gases that surround a planet
carnivore	an animal that eats only other animals
consumer	a living thing that eats other living things
coprolite	fossil poop
energy flow	the movement of energy from one living thing to another living thing
evidence	information that can be used to support or reject an idea
extinct	when a type of living thing no longer exists
food chain	how living things are connected through what they eat and what they are eaten by
food web	many different food chains found in one place
fossil	the remains of a plant or animal that lived a very, very long time ago
herbivore	an animal that only eats plants
model	a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with
omnivore	an animal that eats both plants and animals
organism	any living thing
producer	a living thing that makes its own food
solar energy (solar power)	energy from the Sun; provides energy for plants and consumers that eat those plants