Vocabulary

Lesson: Why did the dinosaurs go extinct?

| asteroid | a small, rocky object in outer space |
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| 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 through living things |
| 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 that provides energy for plants and consumers that eat those plants |

