

Lesson 23: End of the Dinosaurs

Vocabulary: Fill in the Blank

Word Bank: *non-avian dinosaurs K-Pg Extinction asteroid iridium impact crater avian*

1. All dinosaurs except the lineage that evolved into birds are called _____ dinosaurs.
2. The mass extinction 66 million years ago that ended the dinosaur age is called the _____ Extinction.
3. A rocky body from space that struck Earth and triggered the extinction is called an _____.
4. A rare metal found worldwide in rock from 66 million years ago, evidence of the strike, is _____.
5. The circular scar left by the strike, buried under the Gulf of Mexico, is called an _____ crater.
6. Birds are _____ dinosaurs because they are the only surviving members of the dinosaur lineage.

Because / But / So

Complete each sentence using the connector word shown.

The asteroid that struck Earth 66 million years ago changed the history of life forever **because**

The asteroid that struck Earth 66 million years ago changed the history of life forever, **but**

The asteroid that struck Earth 66 million years ago changed the history of life forever, **so**

Subordinating Conjunctions

Complete each sentence using the conjunction shown.

Although _____, small mammals and birds managed to survive.

dust and soot blocked sunlight after the impact **because**

_____.

Since _____, mammals have been able to diversify and eventually produce humans.