

Lesson 20: The Triassic

Because / But / So

Complete each sentence using the connector word shown.

The Great Dying left the world full of empty ecological roles **because**

The Great Dying left the world full of empty ecological roles, **but**

The Great Dying left the world full of empty ecological roles, **so**

Appositives

Fill in the blank with an appositive that describes the noun.

Archosaurs, _____, were the group of reptiles from which dinosaurs and pterosaurs evolved.

The Mesozoic Era, _____, lasted for nearly 190 million years and is known as the Age of Reptiles.

Early mammals, _____, were small, nocturnal creatures that lived in the shadow of the dinosaurs.

Think and Write

1. How did the aftermath of the Great Dying actually help the first dinosaurs succeed? Explain the connection between extinction and opportunity.