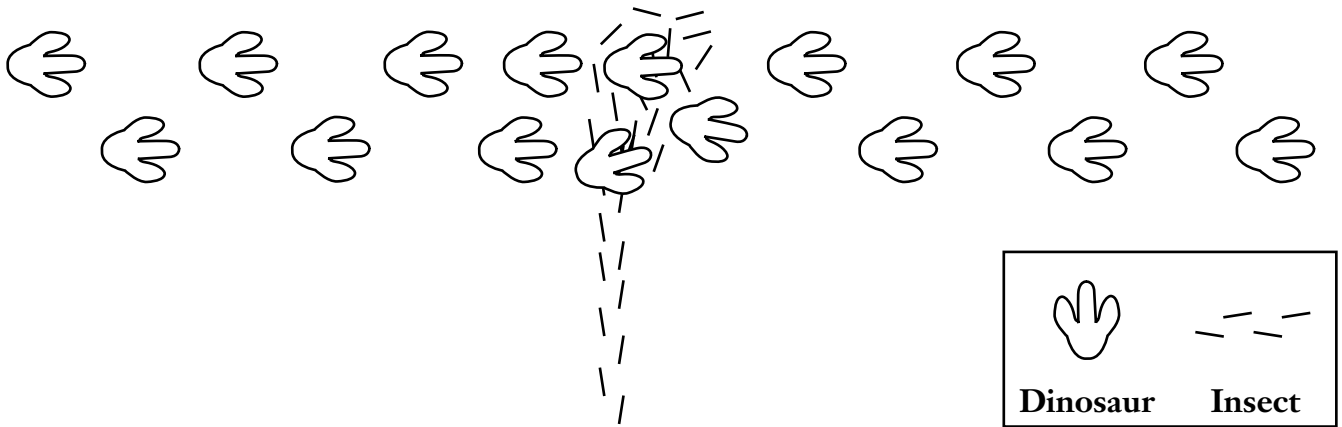


**CHAPTER 17 THE HISTORY OF LIFE****Get the Big Picture**

Study the picture and read the paragraph in the box. Then answer the questions.



**What story do these fossils tell?**

Scientists study fossils to learn more about living things that lived long ago. Leaf prints, hardened shells, dinosaur tracks, and bones are examples of fossils. Fossils tell biologists how plants and animals looked millions of years ago. Fossils also help scientists recreate the history of life on Earth.

1. Why are fossils important to biologists? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. List two examples of fossils. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Look at the picture. What story does it tell? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Scientists use fossils to recreate the history of life. When future scientists find fossils from our time on Earth, what do you think they will learn about present-day life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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