

DATA SHEET: FOSSIL CHARACTERISTICS AND LOCATIONS

Phenomenon-Based Instructional Task: Puzzling About the Past

Fossil	Characteristics	Where It Has Been Found
Cynognathus	 Extinct Lived during the Triassic period Almost 4 feet long, big head, wide jaws, sharp teeth Predator Land reptile, related to mammals 	Southwestern AfricaEastern South America
Lystrosaurus	 Extinct Lived during the Permian and Triassic periods Size of a pig, with two tusk-like teeth Herbivore Land reptile, common terrestrial during that time 	Southern AfricaIndiaChinaAntarctica
Glossopteris Orange Princes	 Extinct Existed during the Permian period Woody fern, shrub/tree with tongue-shaped leaves 	 Southern Africa Southern South America India Antarctica Australia
Mesosaurus	 Extinct Lived during the Permian period Freshwater reptile Over 3 feet long, webbed feet, streamlined body, long tail, small skull, long jaws 	Southern Africa Southern South America

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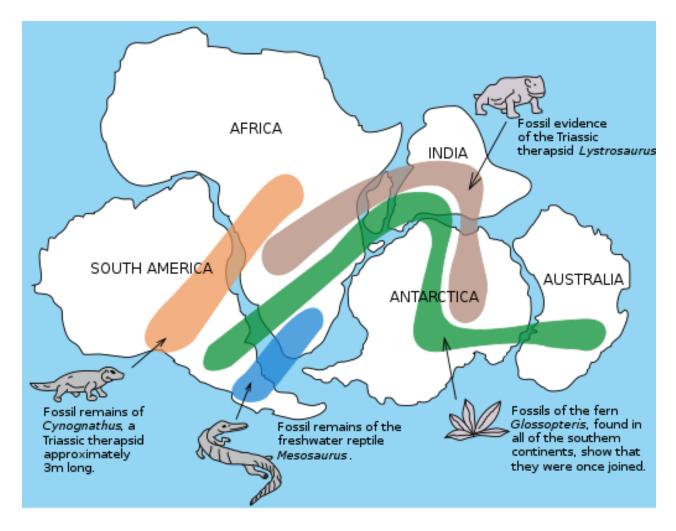








Locations of Certain Present-Day Fossils If Continents Were Rejoined



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