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Fossils

Understanding Main Ideas

Fill in the blanks in the table below.

Type of Fossil	Description	
Petrified Fossil	Fossils in which 1 replace all or part of an organism	
2	A hollow area in sediment in the shape of an organism	
3	A solid copy of the shape of the organism	
Carbon film	An extremely thin coating of 4 on rock	
Trace Fossils	Evidence of the 5 of ancient organisms	
6	Remains of organisms in tar, amber, or ice	

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 7. Describe how a mold is related to a cast.
- 8. What can a paleontologist tell from fossil footprints of a dinosaur?
- 9. What does the fossil record reveal about the evolution of life on Earth?

Building Vocabulary

Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

10.	The process by which all the different kinds of living things have changed over long periods of time is called		
11.	The type of rock that is made of hardened sediment is called		
12.	A type of organism is if it no longer exists and will never again live on Earth.		
13.	A(n) is a scientist who studies fossils.		
14.	. The preserved remains or traces of living things are called		
15.	A well-tested concept that explains a wide range of observations is called (n)		