



## 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Scavenger Hunt--KEY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name two animals that are locally extinct (extirpated), but that do exist in other states:

1. Red wolf; Florida Panther
2. American Bison; Heavy Pig-toe Mussel



What is a PLACODERM? an ancient armored fish that lived 360 mya

What two large animals are hanging from the ceiling, near the fossil wall?

1. Zygorhiza kochii (prehistoric whale)
2. Progestega gigas (giant sea turtle)

Are they dinosaurs? Yes or No (Hint: *Dinosaurs lived on land.*)



Name three animals that lived in Mississippi during the Pleistocene Epoch? (Hint: Check the Hot Pink section of the fossil wall.)

1. Sabertoothed cat; American Lion; Tapir, Great short faced Bear
2. Mastadon, Mammoth; Giant Beaver;
3. Giant Bison; Deer, Horse

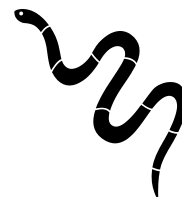


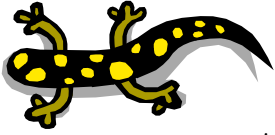
Name three fish in the Pearl River Tank (largest tank):

1. Black Crappie, White Crappie;
2. Bigmouth Buffalo; Green Sunfish; Spotted Bass
3. Hybrid Striped Bass

Name four snakes in Mississippi: (Based on Animals you see in exhibit)

1. Timber Rattlesnake 2. Eastern Diamondback Rattle Snake;
3. Cottonmouth; Rat Snake; Eastern Garter Snake; 4. Red Milk Snake; Eastern Indigo Snake





What three things did you learn about salamanders?

1. They live in any freshwater habitat; lay eggs on land, preferably in a floodplain
2. Spotted salamanders live in burrows made by small mammals and hunt for worms and other invertebrates under leaves;
3. Dwarf-Salamanders are the size of a matchbox; Salamanders are amphibians

Name four birds you would find in Mississippi (common ones seen at the observation station, and a few throughout the museum)

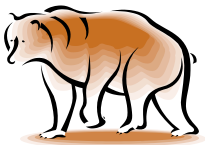
1. Blue Jay; Fish Crow; Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren    2. Northern Mockingbird; Tufted Titmouse; Eastern Bluebird; American Robin; Common Grackle
3. Red-tailed hawk; Mourning Dove    4. Brown Pelican; Yellow-bellied sapsucker; Eastern Wood Pewee; Cedar Waxwing; White throated sparrow; etc...



What did you see through the binoculars? \_\_\_\_\_

Name three endangered animals of Mississippi:

1. Gulf Sturgeon; Black Bear; Brown Pelican; MS Redbelly turtle; Black-knobbed Sawback Turtle; Gopher Tortoise;
2. Eastern Indigo Snake; Clubshell; Ringed Sawback Turtle; Ovate Clubshell; Southern Combshell; Alabama Moccasin Shell
3. American Burying Beetle; MS Sandhill Crane; Kemp's Ridley Turtle, West Indian Manatee, etc



How many black bears live in Mississippi today? 30-50

Why are there so few now? timber-harvesting; land cleared for agriculture and overhunting

Name two fish lived in the Mississippi River before the dinosaurs? (See display about the MS River.) 1. Shovel-nose Sturgeon; Pallid Sturgeon;    2. Paddlefish; Alligator Gar; Shortnose Gar;

What kind of animal is the Northern Hog Sucker? (See the Loess Hills Creek exhibit) Fish  
Was it near the bottom of the tank? Yes What is his job? Tank-cleaner!



What kinds of fish would you find in the reservoir? (Sportfish!)

1. Florida Large-mouth Bass; Bluegill; Red-ear Sunfish
2. Blacktail Redhorse; Black Crappie; White Crappie; Channel Catfish
3. Small-mouth Buffalo; Green Sunfish