

Forming Fossils

By : Green Highlights

I had to describe how some fossils had formed in a science class last year. I had some fun with it...

Published on
Booksie

[booksie.com/Green Highlights](http://booksie.com/Green_Highlights)

Copyright © Green Highlights, 2013
Publish your writing on Booksie.com.

Resin Fossils

Resin Fossils

1500 years ago, an insect is flying around. It lands on a tree getting stuck in some sap. The insect struggles to free itself as the sap builds around it, engulfing the poor bug. The sap begins to harden as life fades from the bug. It is preserved in the amber that the sap had hardened into. Centuries later, in 2010, a scientist stumbles upon this now fossilized creature.

Whole-Specimen Fossils

Moments before the flood (yes, that would be the flood recorded in the Bible - Genesis chapt. 6), a woolly mammoth is having a relaxed snack. Just then, a saber-toothed tiger attacks! As the mammoth fights for its life, blizzards and floods pour in from the sky; the climate undergoes major changes; ice begins to form around the fighting creatures. It clings to their pelts, weighing both down until it has left them paralyzed with only minute air pockets from which to breathe. Hypothermia sets in, draining them of all warmth and life. The floods recede, and hundreds of years pass. A team of scientists, experimenting in Greenland, unexpectedly unearth the two, still frozen, fossilized creatures.

Mold Fossils

1800 years ago, a young turtle is attempting a vast trek across quite muddy land. The creature seems, at first, to be doing fine, but as it covers more ground, more ground covers it. It slowly moves onward, desperately trying to keep its head above the mud that has begun to cake, in layers, onto its shell. Now knowing the feat to be too much, the turtle tries to turn back, but its efforts are futile. It sinks in the mud that begins to harden around it. With an absence of air with which to fill its lungs, the turtle struggles wildly to reach the surface again but is still without hope. It slips out of consciousness, and the ground gets harder and harder, slowly turning into rock. The now lifeless turtle begins to decay, leaving only the hollowed out mold of what the creature had once been. After many generations come and go, this fossilized remainder is still hidden away, yet to be found.

Forming Fossils

Forming Fossils

Created from Booksie.com

Generated: 2013-06-19 06:18:11