

Old as Dirt

Try It Out

Pick up a fossil from the cup, and imagine that Wisconsin is covered by a shallow sea. Animals like this one once lived in the salt water here. Can you picture it?

What's Going On?

Paleontology is the study of life that existed before about 11,700 years ago. It includes the study of fossils (preserved remains of a living thing). Studying fossils found in Wisconsin has given us these clues about Wisconsin's history.

Early Paleozoic Era (About 525-340 million years ago)

Wisconsin was covered by a warm, shallow sea. Animals such as these lived here.



Gastropod



Brachiopod



Coral



Trilobite

Quaternary Period (About 2.5 million to 11.7 thousand years ago)

Hemlock and spruce tree forests provided homes to creatures like these.



Giant Beaver



Woolly Mammoth

Wonder While You Walk...

How do you think studying Wisconsin's past might help us prepare for the future?



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