

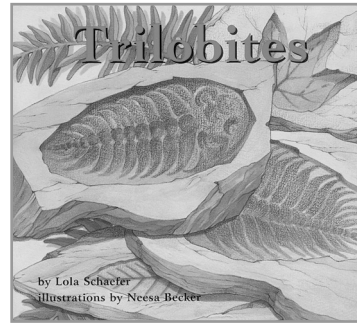
Books for Young Learners Teacher Resource

Book Notes



Trilobites

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 12 pages ■ 141 words



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Trilobites

SYNOPSIS

A nonfiction piece explaining how trilobites became fossils.

WHAT THE BOOK OFFERS

- Nonfiction expository text explaining how and why
- Third person
- Past tense
- Pronunciation guide
- Historical
- Explanations of unfamiliar vocabulary within text: exoskeletons, fossils
- Smaller typeface than other books at this level

POSSIBLE SKILLS EMPHASIS

- Identifying key information and supporting details
- Understanding the function of an expository text in explaining how and why

INTRODUCING THE BOOK

- Decode and discuss the title, referring to the pronunciation guide on inside front cover.
 - Compare the illustration on the front cover and the photograph on the back (raised and indented perspective). Use comparison to ascertain that something had caused the indentation in the rocks on the front cover.
 - Some children may mention fossils. Discussion at this point should not detract from the information presented in the book.
- If you think you know about fossils, you could compare that with what the author says and then we can discuss that after we have read the book.*

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FOCUS OF INSTRUCTION

What is the most important information that the author gives on this page?

What other details are important? What other information will help you remember that?

Which part of the text do you think the author thought most important?

Is that a new piece of information, or does it add to what the author has stated already?

Which part of this page do you need to remember?

FOLLOWING THE READING

- Discuss new vocabulary and compose definitions to make a glossary to add to the inside back cover.
- List the most important information.
- Make pencil or crayon rubbings of leaves or shells to use as fossil drawings and accompany them with explanatory captions.