

Let's Investigate... Fossils

Duration: ~60 minutes; Session size: ~30 pupils.

Session summary:

 Pupils are introduced to what fossils are and how they form and what they can teach us.

Pupils are introduced to a life size replica of Tiktaalik, the

fish with legs and our 400 million year old ancestor.

In groups pupils identify body parts from a sabre tooth cat skull and an ichthyosaur skeleton that would make them

effective predators.

 The class are broken up into four teams, and each team represents a different university. Each team is given a unique selection of real fossils, and each team member chooses a fossil to draw, measure and describe. We end the workshop by inviting someone from each team to present to the other "Universities" about the fossil they have discovered.

