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**Hello and welcome!**

My name is Hector and I'm here to guide you in this huge park that is called nowadays the Jardin des Plantes (Garden of the Plants).

This magical place is a museum, a botanical garden, a zoo and a research centre at the same time.

You will discover very different universes. Some of them will seem quite strange to you and others funny. Yet, you already know them a little ... as I am simply talking about our planet and all its diversity.

Like all the scientists who studied here, you will solve puzzles. Be curious and look around you carefully. At the end, you will be granted the Circuits Parallèles explorer's certificate.

**Now it's your turn!**

PREHISTORIC TIMES

ANCIENT TIMES

MIDDLE AGES

PRESENT TIMES

PRESENT TIMES



-3500 BEFORE  
JESUS-CHRIST

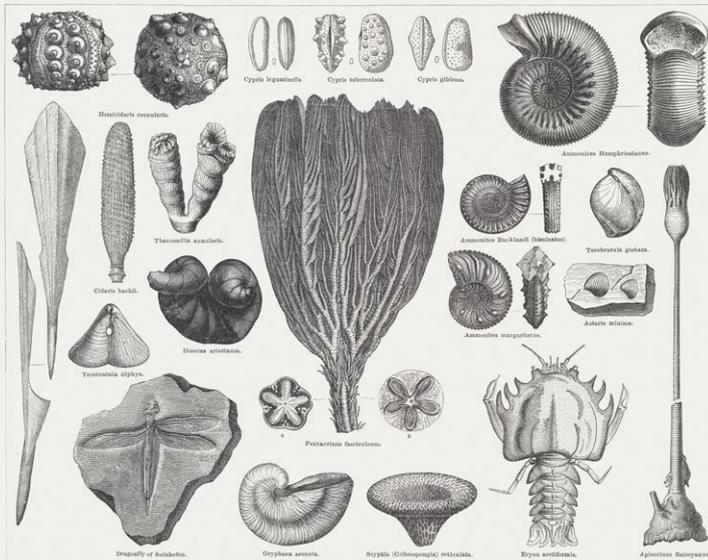
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BIRTH OF  
JESUS-CHRIST

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1500

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In this building, a remarkable collection of **fossils**, bones, skeletons and organs of vertebrates and invertebrates, still living on earth or long-ago disappeared, was gathered. There are dinosaurs, giant birds, **mastodons** etc.

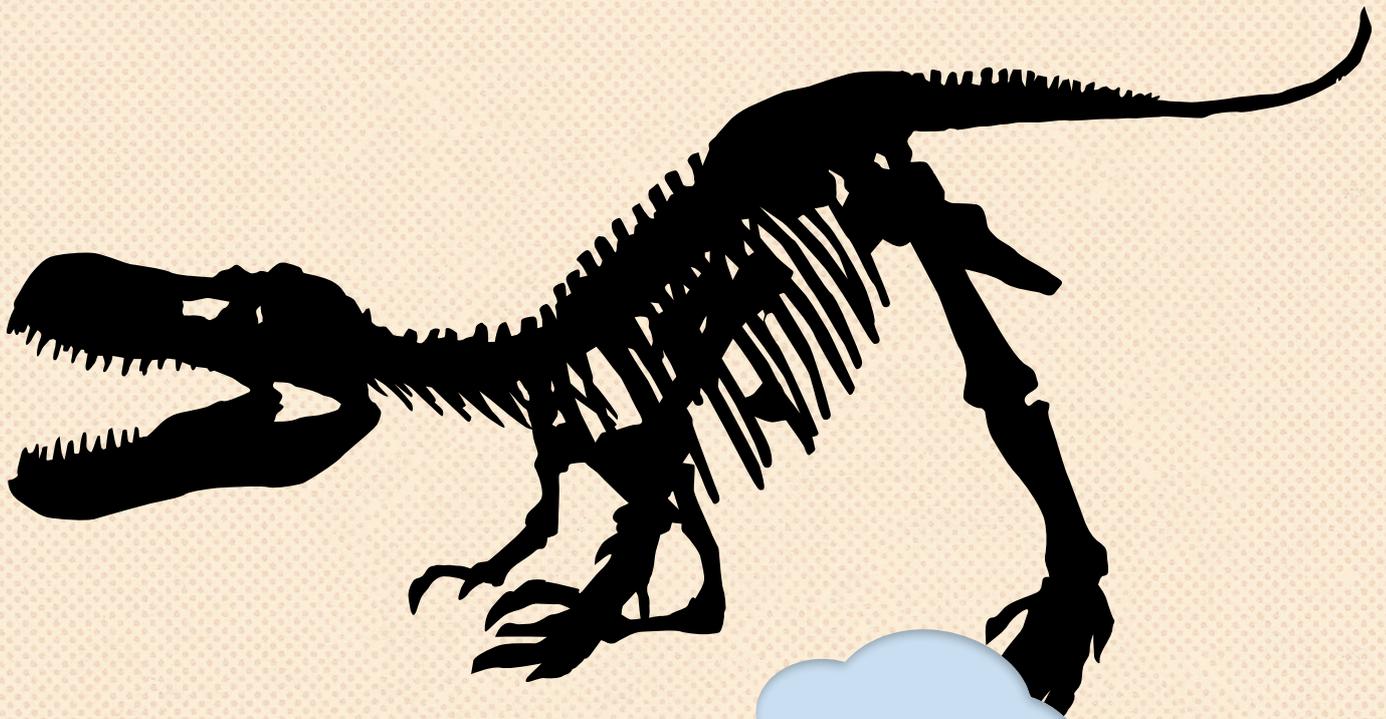
### FOSSILS

are remains or tracks of plants and animals such as leaves, bones or teeth, which were preserved in rocks. It takes thousands of years for a remain or a track to be turned into a fossil. You will see some of them later on in front of the galerie de minéralogie (mineralogy gallery).



### MASTODONS

were prehistoric herbivorous animals and belonged to the family of elephants. They became extinct more than 10,000 years ago because of global warming and the changes in flora it led to (there were more trees and less grass).



Here, researchers study hundreds of skeletons and compare them, which allows them to clearly see the difference between birds, reptiles, fishes, mammals etc. With their observations, we can understand how animals adapted to their environment and how they can now live in the air, water or on earth.

**TOO BAD...  
I DON'T LIKE BONES !**



**2<sup>ND</sup>  
PUZZLE !**

You must have noticed the mammoth at the entrance of the Galerie de Paleontologie, on your left. This one is a woolly mammoth. It was called that way because its body was entirely covered with a fur that protected it from cold. The mammoth, now extinct, was a cousin of the elephant

BY LOOKING AT THOSE TWO PHOTOS AND DRAWING YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS, INDICATE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWINGS.



ELEPHANT ○ ○ ○ ○

MAMMOTH ○ ○ ○ ○

- ① curved tusks    ② straight tusks    ③ big ears    ④ small ears
- ⑤ thick skin and short hair    ⑥ fur, woolly skin    ⑦ lives in glacial areas
- ⑧ lives in warm regions