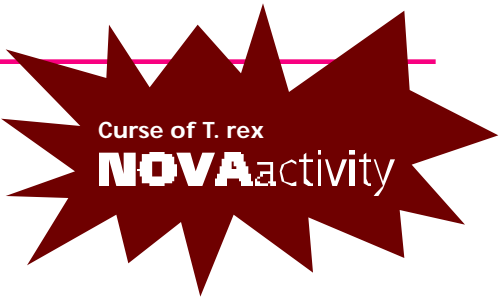


# Digging Fossils

Dinosaurs lived in nearly every part of the world, but their fossils are found only in places where rocks of the right age are exposed. The western part of the United States is one such place, and scientists and commercial dealers often compete for access to this fossil-rich land. Who should have access?



## News Flash!

Dinosaur Fossils Found.  
A major site of rare dinosaur fossils has been discovered in the People’s National Park.

### Scientist Group

You can’t believe your luck! These fossils might provide new evidence for your research on dinosaurs. Current policy says that only scientists can obtain permits to dig on public land. You have exclusive access to this important site—and you want to keep it that way!

### Commercial Dealer Group

You can’t believe your luck! People will pay big bucks for fossils like these. Current policy says that only scientists can obtain permits to dig on public land. That means you can’t dig there—you want this policy changed!

### Part I

Fill in this chart as you watch the program, noting any other information that will support your group’s claim.

Group	Reasons for collecting fossils	Methods of collecting fossils	Uses of fossils
Scientists			
Commercial Dealers			

### Part II

You will now prepare to argue your group’s right to these fossils. Consider these questions when forming your argument. *Write your answers on a separate sheet.*

- 1 Who do you think owns public land, and why? What does this mean for your group?
- 2 List all the reasons why your group should have access to the site.
- 3 How do you feel about the other group sharing access? Why do you feel that way?
- 4 What compromises, if any, would your group be willing to make?