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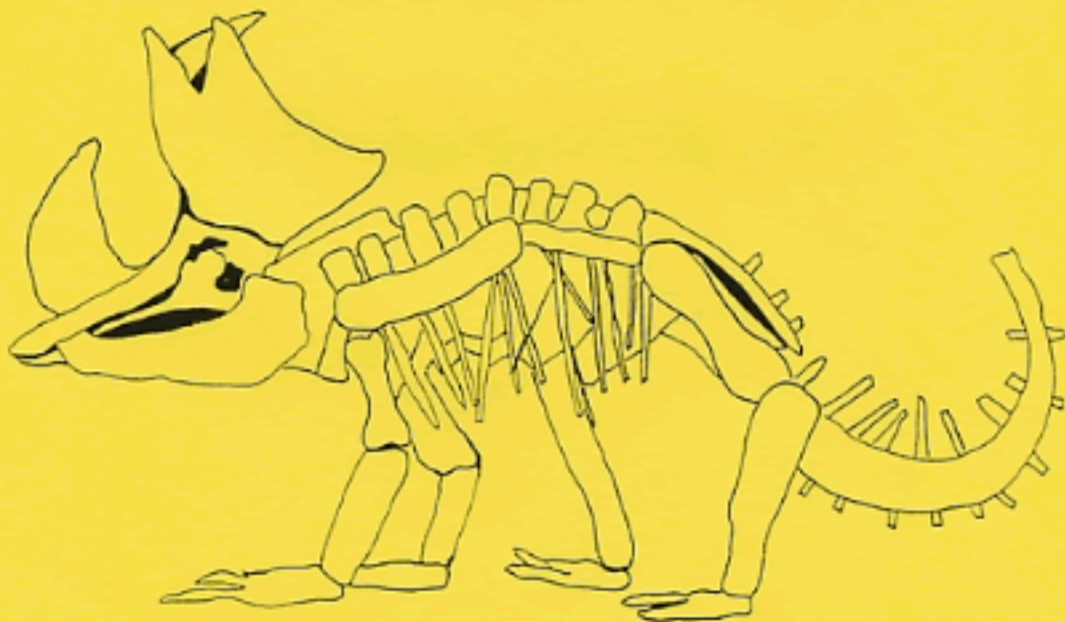
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THE LAST DINOSAUR

While visiting a natural history museum, a boy activates a time machine, and so begins a fascinating journey back to the age of dinosaurs.

After observing these magnificent creatures, the boy realizes that we must save the endangered species of today.



STUDY GUIDE

PUPPETS TO GO

Bob Nathanson has been a professional puppeteer since 1979. In addition to performing at schools, museums, theatres and libraries, he has performed at regional and national puppetry festivals throughout the United States. Bob uses music to help evoke a wide range of moods in each production. It is his strong writing background, however, that makes any **PUPPETS TO GO** show memorable. Stories may be amusing one moment...sensitive and touching the next. Wherever he performs, Bob, along with his cast of puppet characters, **educates the mind and entertains the imagination.**

THE LAST DINOSAUR

A young boy is visiting the Museum of Natural History where he accidentally activates a time machine. So begins a fascinating journey back through time, to the age of the dinosaurs. We glimpse life in the Jurassic period, viewing the enormous brachiosaurus. As we enter the late Cretaceous Period, we enter the world of Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops.

Issues such as the environment, extinction and the preservation of modern animal species are dealt with in this exciting, original story.

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BEFORE THE SHOW -

Things You May Wish To Discuss With Your Class (Adapt to appropriate grade level)

- 1) What does the word dinosaur mean? (terrible lizard)
- 2) What do you think the world would be like today if dinosaurs didn't become extinct?
- 3) Would people and dinosaurs be able to co-exist?
- 4) Are any living animals larger than the largest known dinosaur? (the blue whale)
- 5) How long did dinosaurs live on Earth? (about 150 million years)
- 6) When did dinosaurs become extinct? (about 65 million years ago)

VOCABULARY WORDS

paleontologist
fossil
Jurassic
Cretaceous
carnivore
herbivore
extinction
archaeopteryx
migration

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AFTER THE SHOW -

Things You May Wish To Discuss With Your Class (Adapt to appropriate grade level)

- 1) Which of the characters in the show was your favorite? Why?
- 2) If you could travel back to the time of the dinosaurs, would you?
- 3) Name some animals that survived the mass extinction that wiped out the dinosaurs (marine turtles, fresh water crocodiles, birds, sharks)
- 4) What colors do you think the dinosaurs may have been?
- 5) What kinds of moods did the music in the show help create?
- 6) Do you think that today's birds are related to the dinosaurs?
- 7) Why do you think the dinosaurs became extinct?

ABOUT PUPPETS

A puppet is an inanimate object that is moved or controlled by a person. Puppets form a vital part of the cultures of many countries, where they are primarily thought of as theatre for adults. There are many types of puppets, including marionettes (or string puppets), hand, rod, finger, mouth and shadow.

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