

MAGIC TREE HOUSE®

FALL

# INSIDE THE TREE HOUSE

A MINI MAGAZINE OF FUN FOR BIG MAGIC TREE HOUSE FANS!

**SUPER  
DELUXE  
EDITION!**

**HOW MANY DINOSAURS CAN YOU FIND?  
CIRCLE THEM!**

Answer on the back cover.

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# VIEWS FROM THE TREE HOUSE

Mary Pope Osborne



Natalie Pope Boyce



We recently caught up with **Mary Pope Osborne**, author of *Magic Tree House* and *Merlin Missions*, and **Natalie Pope Boyce**, author of the *Magic Tree House Fact Trackers*, and asked them a few questions!

The first *Magic Tree House* book, *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, was published almost thirty years ago! How is the new deluxe edition different?

**Mary:** The new edition has beautiful, full-color illustrations. Grown-ups or older *Magic Tree House* readers will love to share this with new readers!

**Kids love learning and reading about dinosaurs! Do you have a favorite dinosaur?**

**Natalie:** My favorite dinosaur is the plant-eating *Pegomastax*. Some scientists say it must have looked like a cross between a parrot and a porcupine! It had super-sharp teeth and two small tusks!

**How have you found new ways to reach *Magic Tree House* fans?**

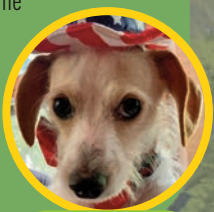
**Mary:** I've been discovering new ways to use technology to connect with readers. I've made a number of videos for the *Magic Tree House* website, and I've had some great Zoom experiences with audiences of kids. I still miss meeting readers in person . . . and can't wait to get back to that soon.

**You've written TONS of *Fact Trackers* over the years. Do any moments or memories stick out to you?**

**Natalie:** I have many favorite memories with our *Magic Tree House* fans . . . they are all so much fun! But one moment I'll cherish is when we went to our local elementary school and the kids greeted us in *Magic Tree House* costumes, sang *Magic Tree House* songs, and led us on a parade down the hall that was decorated with *Magic Tree House* art.

**How are your dogs *Little Bear* and *Captain Wilson* enjoying their time at home?**

**Mary:** *Little Bear* and *Captain Wilson* have been having a ball. Their favorite game is trying to wake me up early in the morning to give them breakfast. They jump around the room, leap on the bed, and squeak their toys. This game is starting earlier and earlier every day.



Hats off to **Captain Wilson!**

# AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

## PREHISTORIC

**J**ack and Annie come across a mysterious tree house while walking in the woods near their home in Frog Creek, Pennsylvania.

But where did the tree house come from?

Before Jack and Annie can find out, the mysterious tree house whisks them to the past—the

Cretaceous Period, over 65 million years ago! They find themselves in a valley filled with dinosaurs, and they encounter animals long extinct.

Now they have to figure out how to get home. Can they do it before dark . . . or will they become a dinosaur's dinner?

This fun first adventure in the oldest time period Jack and Annie ever visited is newly illustrated!



# MERLIN'S WIZARD ZONE

Crack the code and enter Merlin's Wizard Zone!



Solve the puzzle, then go to [WizardZoneCode.com](http://WizardZoneCode.com) and enter Merlin's secret code. Get it right to unlock his magical chest and receive a special treasure he put there for you. The treasure will disappear, so don't delay!

What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?

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# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these dinosaur-themed words?

**DINOSAUR T REX FOSSIL PTERANODON  
CRETACEOUS EXTINCT REPTILE**

S D I N O S A U R W  
T X S Z F O K F N H  
T L B J F O S S I L  
E C T S E Q B D H I  
T I N E L I T P E R  
R R U I C Y Z X U J  
B Q E Y T Z F K P Q  
W E Y X Z X H H W L  
C R E T A C E O U S  
N O D O N A R E T P

Answer on back.

# T-REX MAZE

Help Jack and Annie return safely to their tree house!



Start



Finish

Answer on back.

# FACT TRACKER

# DO YOU KNOW THESE DINOSAUR FACTS?

Marsh and Cope were two scientists who **STUDIED DINOSAUR FOSSILS**. They were so competitive that they even tried to steal from each other's collections of dinosaur bones!

Paleontologists think the **TROODON** could run nearly 30 miles per hour. That's fast! The fastest humans can run about 23 miles per hour.

The **T. REX** had really strong legs. But its arms were so short they couldn't even reach its mouth. Scientists still don't know what the T. rex used its arms for. . . .

The **DINOSAUR** with the longest **NAME** is the micropachycephalosaurus (MY-cro-PACK-ee-SEF-uh-lo-SOAR-us). It means "tiny" (micro) "thick" (pachy) "head" (cephalo) "lizard" (saurus).



Track more facts in this book!

# ILLUSTRATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

If you have a favorite Magic Tree House book, have you ever wondered how it would look fully illustrated? Just like the *Dinosaurs Before Dark Deluxe Edition*, reimagine what YOUR favorite Magic Tree House cover would look like if YOU were the illustrator! Then write a few sentences about why this is your favorite adventure.



**This is my favorite Magic Tree House adventure because** \_\_\_\_\_

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# CLIMB INTO THE TREE HOUSE WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

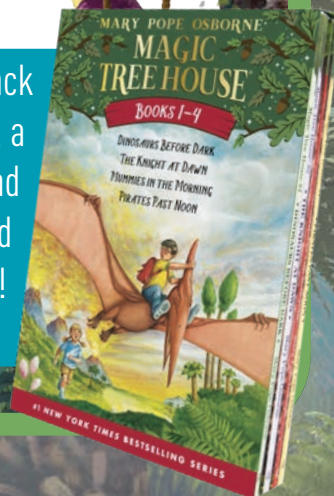


Christmas has never been more magical! Travel to Camelot with Jack, Annie, and the magic tree house in this holiday fantasy adventure. [Learn more HERE.](#)



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## EXPLORE THE WORLD

WITH



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**HOME ADVENTURES!**

**Learn, read, and grow with Jack and Annie right from home!**

Discover crafts, recipes, games, videos, and more!

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# TRIVIA TIME: DINOSAUR EDITION

Think you know all you need to know about dinosaurs? Well, test your brains below!

You can play trivia by yourself or with your family! If you're playing with your family, have someone "host" the trivia night. They can read the questions, you can write down your answers, and the host will let you know the correct answers! Each question can count as a point. The person with the most points wins!

**QUESTION 1:** Millions of years ago, there was just one continent. What did scientists name the ancient continent?

- A. Oviraptor
- B. Pangaea
- C. Rome
- D. Washington

**QUESTION 2:** Dinosaurs were ALL what?

- A. Reptiles
- B. Mammals
- C. Chickens
- D. Insects

**QUESTION 3:** Scientists refer to the age of dinosaurs as the Mesozoic Era. Which one of these is NOT a period of the Mesozoic Era?

- A. Triassic Period
- B. Jurassic Period
- C. Cretaceous Period
- D. Age of Enlightenment

**QUESTION 4:** What is a preserved dinosaur bone, tooth, or footprint called?

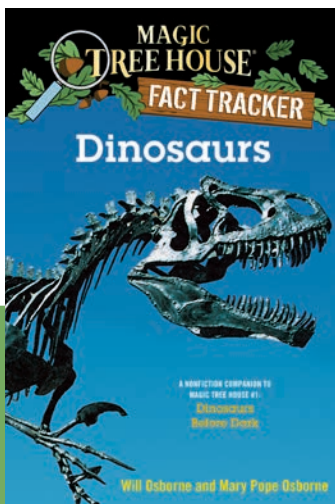
- A. Preservative
- B. Savings Bond
- C. Archaeologist
- D. Fossil

**QUESTION 5:** Scientists who study fossils are called \_\_\_\_\_.

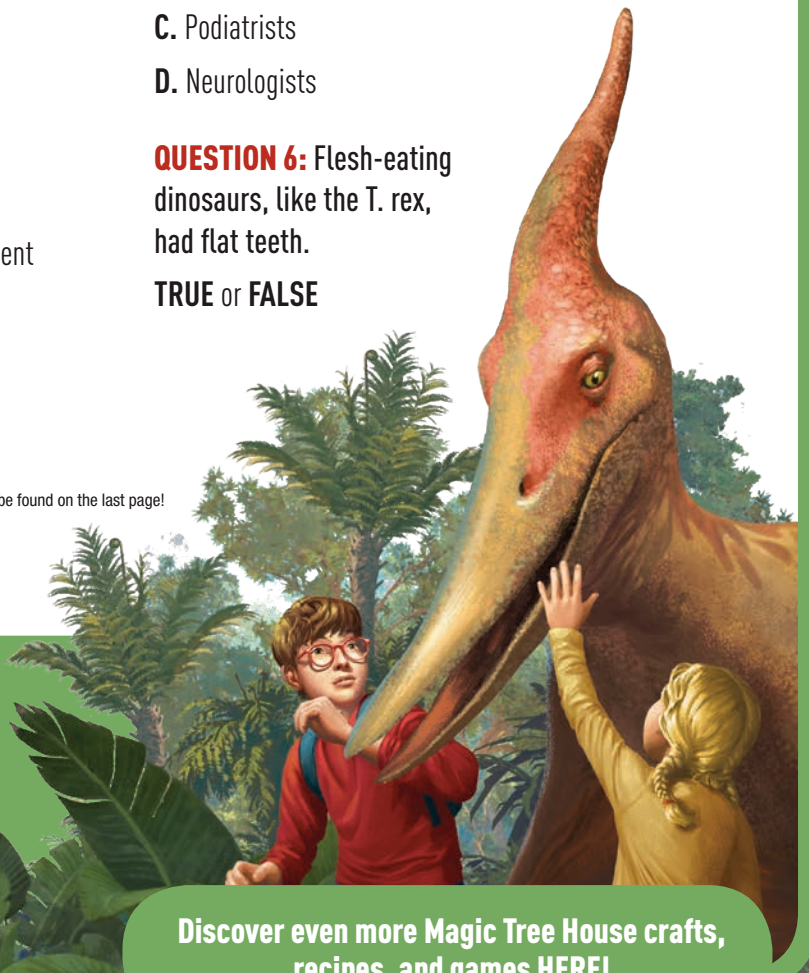
- A. Paleontologists
- B. Optometrists
- C. Podiatrists
- D. Neurologists

**QUESTION 6:** Flesh-eating dinosaurs, like the T. rex, had flat teeth.

TRUE or FALSE



Answers can be found on the last page!



Learn more in this Fact Tracker!

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# POPSICLE STICK DINOSAUR CRAFT FUN!

Create your own "pet" dinosaur with this craft idea!

Ask an adult's permission before using scissors!



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Popsicle sticks
- Green paint
- Glue
- Card stock or heavy paper
- Scissors
- Colored pens, pencils, markers, or crayons

### STEP 1:

Paint three Popsicle sticks green and let them dry. Once they are dry, glue them into a triangle.

### STEP 2:

Create a body for your dinosaur. Have an adult help you cut these shapes out of paper:

- A large triangle for the body
- A long oval for the tail
- A few small, triangular spikes for the back
- Two rectangles for the legs
- An L-shape for the head

### STEP 3:

Glue the large triangle representing the body onto the back of the Popsicle sticks. Then glue the head, tail, legs, and spikes onto the dinosaur and let the glue dry.

### STEP 3:

Once dry, use drawing utensils to draw a face and a design on your dinosaur. Now you've made a dinosaur for the (prehistoric) ages!

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# DINO JAWS CRAFT FUN!

Make your own dino jaws using the instructions below.

Ask an adult's permission before using scissors!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Paper plates
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Crayons

## STEP 1:

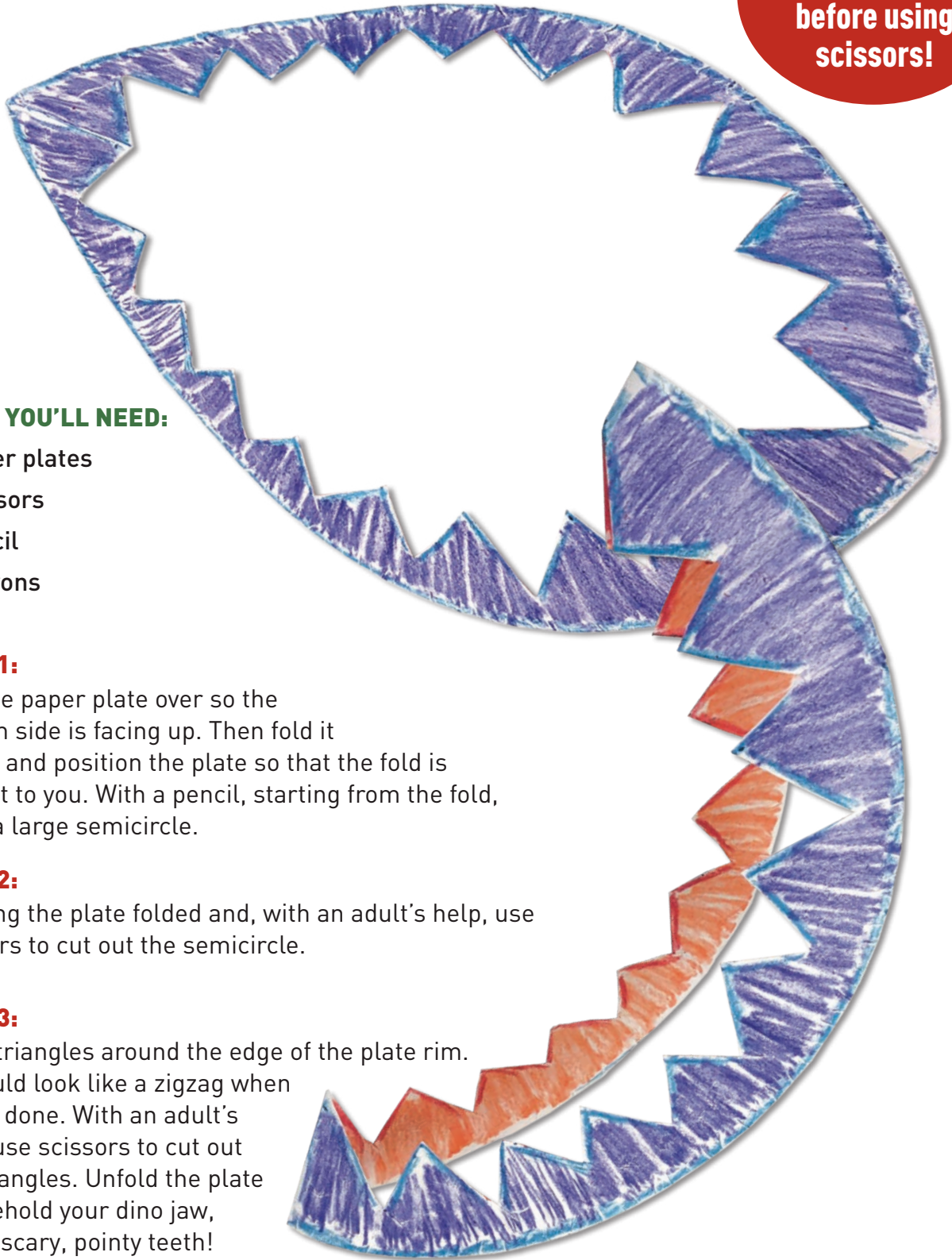
Flip the paper plate over so the bottom side is facing up. Then fold it in half and position the plate so that the fold is closest to you. With a pencil, starting from the fold, draw a large semicircle.

## STEP 2:

Keeping the plate folded and, with an adult's help, use scissors to cut out the semicircle.

## STEP 3:

Draw triangles around the edge of the plate rim. It should look like a zigzag when you're done. With an adult's help, use scissors to cut out the triangles. Unfold the plate and behold your dino jaw, full of scary, pointy teeth! For extra fun, color in the teeth!



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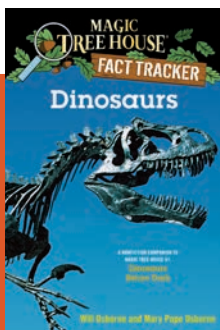
# SCAVENGER HUNT

## Help Jack and Annie Find These Things!

Jack and Annie are searching for a few things before they head out on their next adventure. Can you help them by finding these items in your house and in your backyard?

### Checklist

- A bright-colored flower
- A tall tree
- A stuffed animal
- A ball or other toy an animal would like
- A book about an animal
- A furry or feathered animal
- A loud or quiet animal
- A butterfly



Learn more about paleontologists and dinosaurs in this Fact Tracker!



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# BANANA SUSHI RECIPE

Scavenger hunts can be exhausting—and make you hungry!

When working in the kitchen with sharp objects and hot appliances, make sure you have adult supervision and help!



Sushi is normally made with raw fish. Not a fan? We've got a fix!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 banana
- 1 tortilla
- Peanut butter

### STEP 1:

Place the tortilla on a flat surface, and coat it with a thin layer of peanut butter.

### STEP 2:

Peel a banana and place it on the tortilla. Wrap the tortilla tightly around it.

### STEP 3:

Spread a small amount of peanut butter along the inside edge of the tortilla to keep it closed.

### STEP 4:

With an adult's help, slice the tortilla into one-inch sections, and enjoy!

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# EDUCATORS

The **Classroom Adventures Program** is Mary's gift to teachers who have inspired her with their dedication and creative use of Magic Tree House in the classroom.

The program provides the following free downloadable resources that allow teachers to use kids' love of Jack and Annie's adventures to stimulate interest in subjects across the entire curriculum, including **STEAM education**.

- A **"Curriculum Key"** that classifies every Magic Tree House book and nonfiction Fact Tracker by subjects and core curriculum standards
- A **Reading Level Guide** for all books in the series
- **Individual Lesson Plans** for each book and its nonfiction Fact Tracker

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# GATHER ROUND THE CAMPFIRE...

Join Jack and Annie as the magic tree house whisks them away to Yosemite National Park in 1903! They join John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt on the most significant camping trip in conservation history!



# ANSWERS

FRONT COVER



WORD SEARCH

S O I N O S A U R W  
T X S Z F O K F N H  
L B J F O S S T I  
E C T S E Q B D H I  
R R U I C Y Z X U J  
B O E Y T Z F K P Q  
W E Y Z X H H W L  
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