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How Do Fossils Help Scientists Build the Timeline of Life on Earth?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Sample: Fossils are important because they help us understand what life was like before humans were around.
2. Sample: I would ask how old it is, what kind of animal it came from, and where it lived.
3. Sample: We wouldn't know about dinosaurs or how life has changed.
4. Sample: I liked learning that some fossils show land used to be underwater because it's hard to imagine mountains once being under the sea.

