

Who Is Sue?

A Dinosaur Named Sue

Sue is super! She is the largest and most complete *T. rex* **fossil** ever found. A fossil is the remains of an animal or a plant that lived long ago. Many people visit Sue each year. Read the time line below to learn more about Sue.

Fun Facts About Sue



John Weinstein, the Field Museum/Reuters

- Height at hips: 13 feet
- Length: 42 feet
- Weight: about 14,000 pounds
- Diet: meat
- Length of teeth: 7 to 12 inches

About 67 million years ago



Roger Harris/Photo Researchers, Inc.

A *T. rex* dies. Its body is covered by sand and mud. It turns into a fossil over time.

August 12, 1990



Fossil hunter Sue Hendrickson finds the *T. rex* bones. They are sticking out of a cliff in South Dakota. The fossil is named after Sue.

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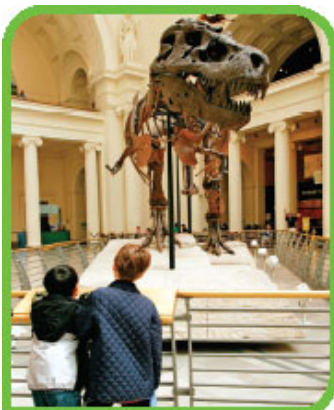
October 20, 1997



The bones arrive at the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois. Scientists clean and study them.

UPI/Newscom

May 17, 2000



Sue goes on display at the museum. People come to see the new exhibit.

Richard Wong/Alamy

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. According to the article, what makes Sue so special?

2. What are some interesting facts about Sue as a living animal?

3. According to the passage, what is the sequence of events that led to Sue being displayed at a museum?

4. What is this passage mostly about?

Directions: Please read the sentence below and then write the word or phrase that best answers the questions. The first answer has been provided for you.

Sue Hendrickson discovered a T. rex fossil in South Dakota on August 12, 1990.

Who? Sue Hendrickson

5. (did) What?

6. When?

7. Where?

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The *T. rex* fossil known as Sue got its name _____ the person who discovered it is named Sue.

- A but
- B because
- C so

Directions: Read the vocabulary word and definition below. Then answer questions 9 and 10.

Vocabulary Word: **fossil** (fos · sil): the remains of an animal or plant that lived long ago.

9. Read the sentences below and underline all forms of the word **fossil**.

- a. While on a field trip near a stream, students searched the rocks for fish fossils.
- b. The ocean coast is a great place to search for fossils of underwater animals.
- c. In order to become a fossil, an animal or plant must be buried under mud, sand, or dirt for a very long time.
- d. Once a fossil of an animal is found, scientists are able to study it and learn more about the time period when the animal lived.
- e. Fossil hunters spend their lives searching for remains of ancient animals or plants.

10. Which image looks more like a fossil?

