

Life of the Paleozoic Era: Invertebrates Homework

Part 1

Did you ever imagine that Grundy County would be of international fame and interest? Visit the website for Uhaul (yes Uhaul) at www.uhaul.com. Find the link for the SuperGraphics and then find the Illinois link.

1. What is the Tully Monster?
2. When and where did it live? Is it a geographically diverse animal?
3. Why did the Tully Monster make its home in what is now Illinois?
4. What likely caused the extinction of the Tully Monster?
5. What area in Illinois is notable for fossils of the Tully Monster?
6. Why are the fossils found in this area important scientifically?
7. Who is the Tully Monster named after?
8. What is one of the major questions still lingering about the Tully Monster?

Part 2

Visit the display of Mazon Creek fossils on the 4th floor of Felmley Hall. You will find the display just across from room 433 on the east end of the building (just next to my office). You will be able to see many of the fossils found here in Illinois in this famous fossil find.

8) Briefly describe how the ironstone concretions formed around the Mazon Creek fossils. Feel free to use a sketch if that makes it easier.

EXTRA CREDIT if you turn in a picture of an actual Illinois Uhaul truck with the Tully Monster that you saw, not a image off the web!!