Last call for abstract revisions

If your abstract was no accepted and you did not turn in a revision, a topic will be assigned to you

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Guidelines

The Natural History report is due: April 25, 2016 in SECTION.

- **Report Body:** 4 pages long (no more, no less)
- **References:** Place your references on the 5th page. The format should be: "Author(s). Date. Title. Source." All references must be cited at least once within the text of the report (see below for instructions regarding parenthetical citations)
- Need *at least* 5 references
- Margins: 1 inch (top, bottom, left, right)
- **Spacing:** 1.5
- Font: 12 point Times New Roman
- $\bullet \ \ Ignoring \ these \ guidelines \ will \ result \ in \ loss \ of \ points$

The topic of the paper must be based on your proposed and accepted paper abstract. If you wish to change your topic, you must consult me first. Your paper will be graded on *clarity*, *accuracy*, *creativity*, as well as the extent to which you follow the above directions.

To write a good paper, each paragraph should have a self-contained point that flows naturally from the previous paragraph and leads into the next. A key to writing a paper like this is to outline the topic for each paragraph ahead of time, before you begin writing. Once you have this *backbone*, make sure that the narrative makes sense, that it addresses the primary question/issue described in your abstract, and that there are no gaps in your logic. Accurately report what is known or not known in the field regarding your topic of interest. Make sure that you support your points with your references. To do this, you will need to include **parenthetical citations**. For example, you might write: "Dorsal plates among the *Thyreophora* may be arranged either parallel to one another, or offset from one another (Fastovsky, 2015)". The citation for Fastovksy would then be included in your **References** section.

Fastovsky ch. 12

9	3/14	Dino physiology & ecology I.	Reproduction and growth	Brusatte Chpt 8	
	3/16	Dino physiology & ecology II.	Diet and food webs		
	3/18	Dino physiology & ecology III.	Some like it hot: endothermy vs. ectothermy		
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Theropoda: Roadrunners from HELL.









Enter Saurischia!

Saurischians:

Two major clades:

-Sauropodomorpha The Big -Theropoda The Bad



The Ugly

What characterizes Saurischian Dinosaurs?

- 1. Subnarial foramen
- 2. Extra articulation on dorsal vertebrae
- 3. Twisted thumb





Tyrannosaurus

Ancestral characteristics: -'Lizard Hip' three-pronged pelvis structure















Beast Foot

Bird Foot



Shared, Derived Characteristics:

- 1) Clawed bipeds
- 2) Sharp, serrated teeth
- 3) Hollow vertebrae and limb bones
- 4) Reduction of outer fingers of hand
- 5) Stiff tail
- 6) 3 functional digits in foot

Loosely jointed, kinetic skulls

How to swallow something larger than your head dinosaur-style. Face-front view of *Ceratosaurus*. All the bones of the skull's side were loosely hinged to the skull top, so the head expanded sideways when the beast swallowed an extra-large meat chunk. And a hinge in each lower jaw opened outward, just like a boa constrictor.





Theropod sizes





'Bee Hummingbird' is actually the smallest Theropod.





All Theropods are obligate bipeds Feet close to the midline

Structural design was focused on: tracking attacking feeding









Basal Theropods



Distribution of Basal Theropods



Intermediate Theropods



Derived Theropods



Distribution of Intermediate and Derived Theropods





Robust hip joint Fusion of upper ankle bones for support Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous Enormous bonebeds known for *Coelophysis*

Dilophosaurus







Dracoraptor ~ earliest Jurassic Fed on small vertebrates Survived the Triassic Extinction

Looks very 'raptor-like', but a distant ancestor





Spinosaurs *Megalosaurus*



Strong shoulder, long arms Long, narrow snout Probably fish eaters Includes Megalosaurids Known for giant sails (but not across all taxa)





Spinosaurus

Skulls are long, thin, and narrow

Not good for attacking large, herbivores or any animal that would put up a fight (JP3 notwithstanding)

Quick, powerful strikes on small prey

Semi-aquatic lifestyles













Carnosaurs



Allosaurus

Carnosaurs



Giganotosaurus; Late Cretaceous South America Skull was 6.3 ft long 16 meters (52 ft) long May have preyed on large Sauropods



Possibly a pack hunter. 16% larger brain than similar-sized carnivores *WINNING* Giganotosaurus; Late Cretaceous South America 16 meters (52 ft) long

Carnosaurs



Charcarodontosaurus; Mid Cretaceous Africa 15 meters (50 ft) long

Carcharodont-osaurus 'jagged tooth'-reptile





