

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION: EARTH'S DINOSAUR PETTING ZOO™ (15 min. total)

Show & Theater Company: (less than 1 min.)

- *ERTH's Dinosaur Petting Zoo™* by EARTH – Visual & Physical, Inc. from Australia (that's why they have accents)
? What is an accent? (a different way of pronouncing words depending on where the speaker is from)

Art Form: (1-2 min.)

- A puppet show with HUGE puppets

Context: (3-5 min.)

- It's a pretend petting zoo!
? Has anyone ever been to a zoo or to the fair where you're told about the animals and some people get to pet the animals?
 - This show is like that, but the animals are big puppets made to look like dinosaurs.
- ? Can anyone tell me what the word extinct means? (an entire species, or type of animal, is gone from the planet)
 - Dinosaurs are all extinct, but they used to live millions of years ago!
- ? So, if dinosaurs were all dead before humans got here, how do we know they even existed?
 - Through bones and fossils!
- ? What's a fossil? (the impression of an animal or plant preserved from an much earlier time)

Main concepts/characters: (3 min.)

- ? Does anyone know what a puppeteer is?
 - A puppeteer is the person who makes the puppet move; in this show the puppeteers act like zookeepers so the dinosaurs seem more real.
- The show will talk about three main time periods when dinosaurs roamed the earth:
 - The Triassic Period (227 to 205 million years ago)
 - The Jurassic Period (205 to 144 million years ago)
 - The Cretaceous Period (144 million to 65 million years ago)
- Not all dinosaurs lived at the same time.
 - For example, the brontosaurus and the t-rex didn't live during the same time. The brontosaurus lived during the early Jurassic period and the t-rex didn't show up until late in the Jurassic period. They lived 50 million of years apart!!!
- Some of the dinosaurs in the show are:

○ Minmi Paravertebra	○ Leptictidium (lep-tik-tid-ee-um)	○ Leaellynasura (lee-el-in-sor-ah)
○ Baby Dryosaurus	○ Dwarf Allosaurus (all-o-sor-us)	○ Tyrannosaurus
○ Meganeura (meg-a-NER-ah)		

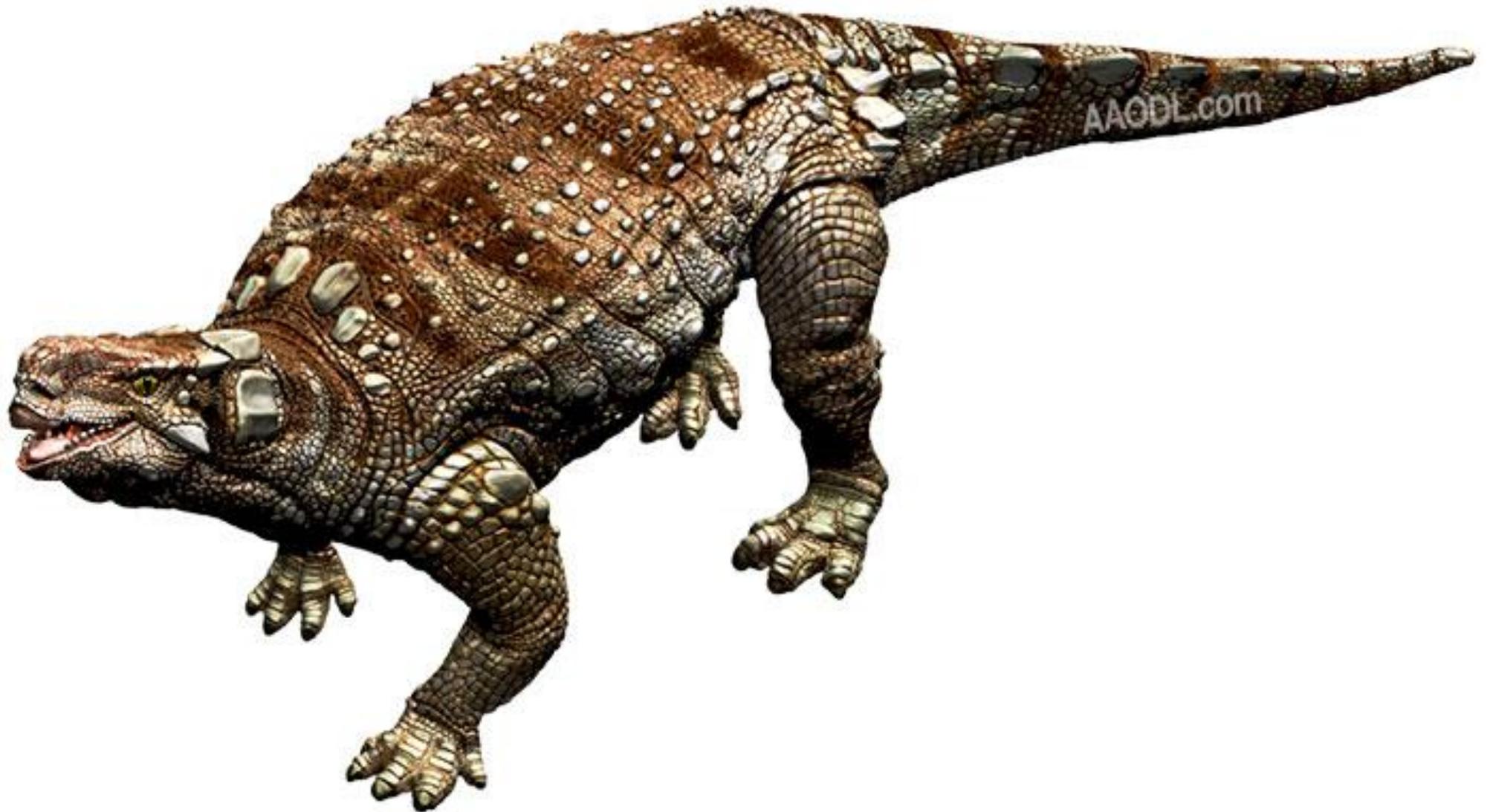
Special things to look for: (3 min.)

- How do the puppeteers move their bodies to make you believe what you're seeing are real dinosaurs?
- How does your imagination help to make the show more fun? Will you have to remind yourself that the dinosaurs are pretend?

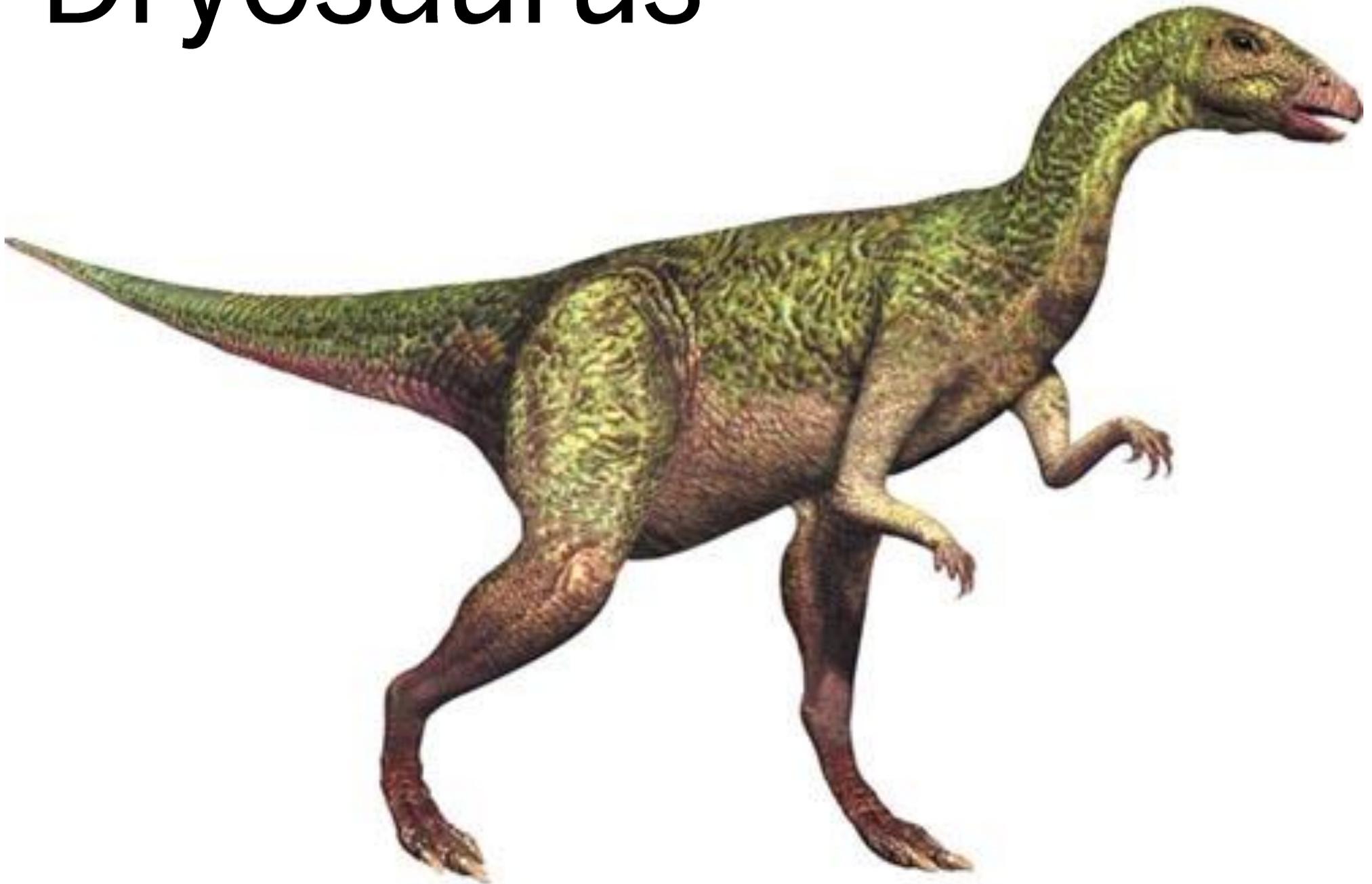
Theater Etiquette: (2-3 min.)

- Respect the theater, one person to a seat, limit bathroom breaks, do not kick the seats, no food or drink in the theater (bottled water okay), no audio, video recording or photography and turn off cell phones and no texting.
? How is watching live theater different than watching a movie or TV?
 - Can't pause, rewind, or fast forward with live theater
 - Live theater is exciting, because each performance is unique

Minmi Paravertebra



Dryosaurus



Tyrannosaurus



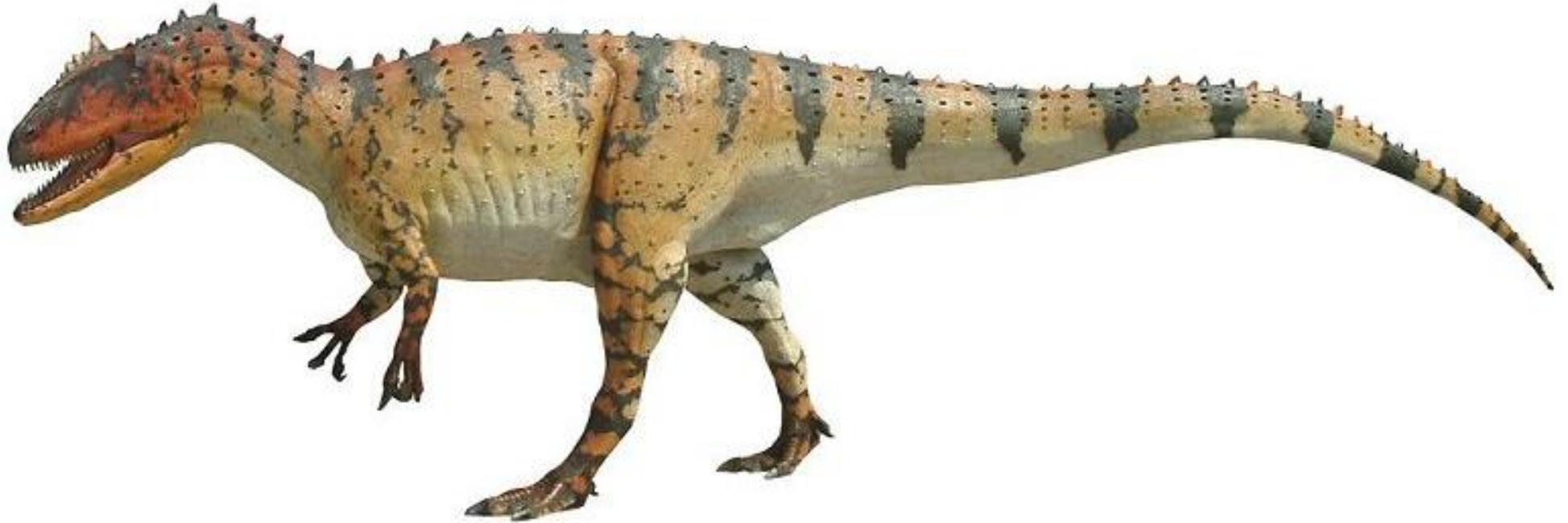
Meganeura



Leptictidium



Allosaurus



Leaellynasaura

