## SPLASH 2025 Spineless Wonders: An Introduction to Invertebrate Paleontology `What organisms are you looking for?

- An ammonite (Phylum: Mollusca, Class: Cephalopoda, Subclass: Ammonoidea)
- A sea snail (Phylum: Mollusca, Class: Gastropoda)
- A crinoid (Phylum: Echinodermata, Class: Crinoidea)
- A clam (Phylum: Mollusca, Class: Bivalvia)
- A trilobite (Phylum: Arthropoda, Class: Trilobita)
- a. Ammonoidea (Placenticeras sp.), Cretaceous, South Dakota
- b. Gastropoda (Turbo sp.), unknown locality
- c. Crinoidea (Batocrinus hercules), CAST, Mississippian, Indiana
- d. Bivalvia (Inoceramus sp.), Cretaceous
- e. Trilobita (Phacops rana milleri), Devonian, Ohio

a. b. c.







d. e.





**Geologic Time Scale** 

EON	ON ERA PERIOD		EPOCH		Ma	
	Cenozoic	Quaternary		Holocene		0.011
				Pleistocene	Late	-0.011 <i>-</i> - 0.8 <i>-</i>
				Pieistocelle	Early	- 0.8 - - 2.4 -
		Tertiary	Neogene	Pliocene	Late	- 3.6 -
					Early	- 5.3 -
				Miocene	Late	- 11.2 -
					Middle	- 16.4 -
					Early	- 23.0 -
			Paleogene	Oligocene	Late	- 28.5 <b>-</b>
					Early	- 34.0 -
				Eocene	Late	- 41.3 -
					Middle	- 49.0 -
					Early	- 55.8 -
				Paleocene	Late	<b>- 61.0 -</b>
				Late	Early	<b>- 65.5</b> -
Phanerozoic	Mesozoic	Cretaceous		Early		- 99.6 -
				Late		- 145 -
		Jurassic		Middle		- 161 -
				Early		<b>– 176 –</b>
		Triassic		Late		<b>– 200 –</b>
				Middle		- 228 -
				Early		- 245 -
	Paleozoic	Permian		Late		– <b>251</b> –
				Middle		– 260 <i>–</i>
				Early		- 271 -
		Pennsylvanian		Late		- 299 -
				Middle		306 -
				Early		– 311 <i>–</i>
				Late		<b>- 318 -</b>
		Mississippian		Middle		<b>- 326 -</b>
				Early		– 345 <i>–</i>
		To a second		Late		– 359 <i>–</i>
		Devonian		Middle		- 385 <b>-</b>
				Early		- 397 -
		Silurian		Late		- 416 <b>-</b>
				Early		- 419 <i>-</i>
		Ordovician		Late		- 423 - - 428 -
				Middle		- 428 - - 444 -
				Early		- 444 - - 488 -
		Cambrian		Late		
				Middle		– <b>501</b> –
				Early		– <b>513</b> –
- 1				Larry		<b>– 542</b> –

Spineless Wonders: An Introduction to Invertebrate Paleontology SPLASH 2025 AMMONITE What is it called? Is it a fossil? What time period is it from? Where was it collected? How was it preserved? Draw it! SEA SNAIL What is it called? Is it a fossil? What time period is it from? Where was it collected? How was it preserved? Draw it! CRINOID What is it called? Is it a fossil? What time period is it from?

Where was it collected?

Spineless Wonders: An Introduction to Invertebrate Paleontology SPLASH 2025 How was it preserved? Draw it! CLAM What is it called? Is it a fossil? What time period is it from? Where was it collected? How was it preserved? Draw it! TRILOBITE What is it called? Is it a fossil? What time period is it from? Where was it collected? How was it preserved? Draw it!