

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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### **Extra Credit Activity: Dinosaur Hunt**

**Background:** Between sixty-eight to sixty-five million years ago, dinosaurs walked this area. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, two American paleontologists from the east, Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope, proceeded to see who could gather the most dinosaur bones. This challenge between the men was referred to as **Bone Wars**. Northern Cañon City was home to one of the Bone War "battlefields".

Cañon City has embraced this history and community designed [public art](#) sculptures can be found throughout the town celebrating the animals that once lived here. Sculptures include dinosaurs such as Stegosaurus, Tyrannosaurus Rex, Brachiosaurus, Rebbachisaurus, Triceratops and bighorn sheep.

**Activity:** Explore the city as you embark on a dinosaur hunt. Use [this map](#) to help you find all the dinosaurs (and bighorn sheep) sculptures located throughout town.

As you find an example of each type of animal sculpture, cross it off the list below. Note: There are multiple sculptures of each animal except Rebbachisaurus, which only has one sculpture.

**Sculpture**

**# of times found (tally)**

Bighorn sheep

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Brachiosaurus

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Rebbachisaurus

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Stegosaurus

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Triceratops

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Tyrannosaurus Rex

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**Questions to Ask:**

1. How many animal sculptures did you find in total?
2. Which design was your favorite and why?