

THINKING WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Video: The Land of the Pharaohs

Setting
(historical fiction)

Joel wants to be a paleontologist when he gets older. He is interested in everything prehistoric. Last Saturday, Joel went to see a special exhibit at the Nature Museum. It was all about the Jurassic Period and the dinosaurs that lived then. Not wanting to forget his experience, he bought a book called *The Age of Dinosaurs* from the museum store as a souvenir. In it was a great description of the setting from that period.

Now it's **Your Turn!** Read *The Age of Dinosaurs*. Create your own *Think Aloud*.

Then compare your thinking with **Joel's Think Aloud.**



Before You Read:

Think about what you may already know about dinosaurs and the Jurassic Period. Consider what you know about setting. Share your thoughts with your family and friends.

While You Read:

Ask your parent, brother, sister, or friend to read this story with you. See if together you can determine the time and location that the story takes place and what it is like there. You may want to highlight these words in orange (You may use any color available to you!)

After You Read:

- Think about these questions, "When did the story take place?" "Where did the story take place?" "What was it like?" Discuss your ideas with your family or friends.
- Together, create a collaborative Think Aloud about how you used setting to better understand when and where this story takes place and what it was like there. Share your *thinking* with each other.

The Age of Dinosaurs

206 million years ago, the Jurassic Period began. The Earth groaned for the next 70 million years with all its changes. Transforming into a hot, steamy greenhouse, lush plants and trees sprung forth. The ground became blanketed in a dense cover of greenery.

Life during the Jurassic Period was on the move. Massive plant-eating dinosaurs gathered food. Smaller, yet fiercer meat-eaters stalked it. The oceans stirred with aquatic reptiles. Flying reptiles commanded the skies. The first tiny mammals darted and hid in the underbrush.

In the background, volcanoes rumbled and erupted. Lava spewed, creating displays of hot, molten fireworks.

