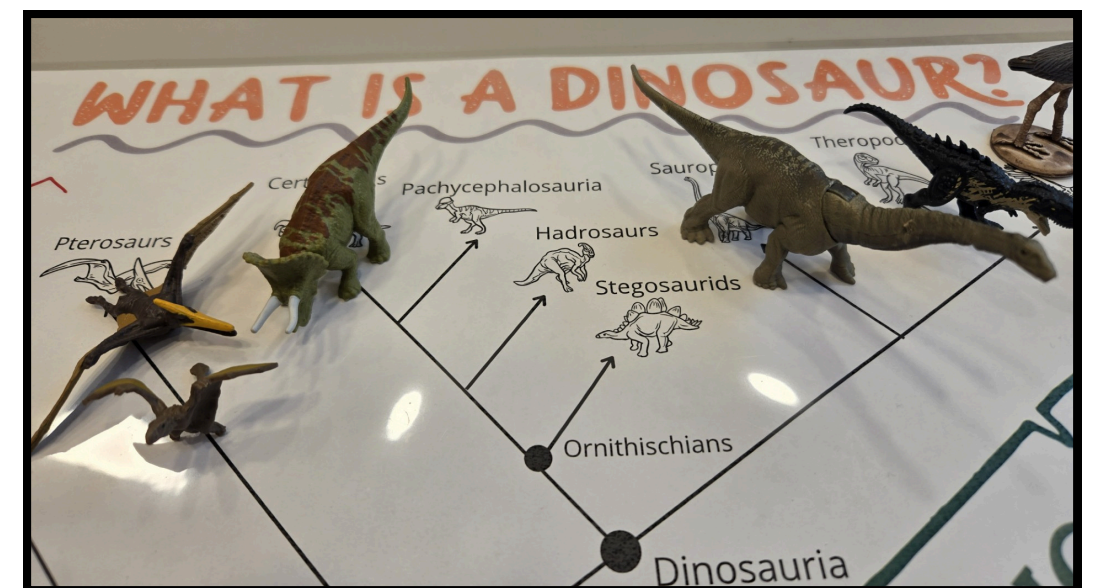
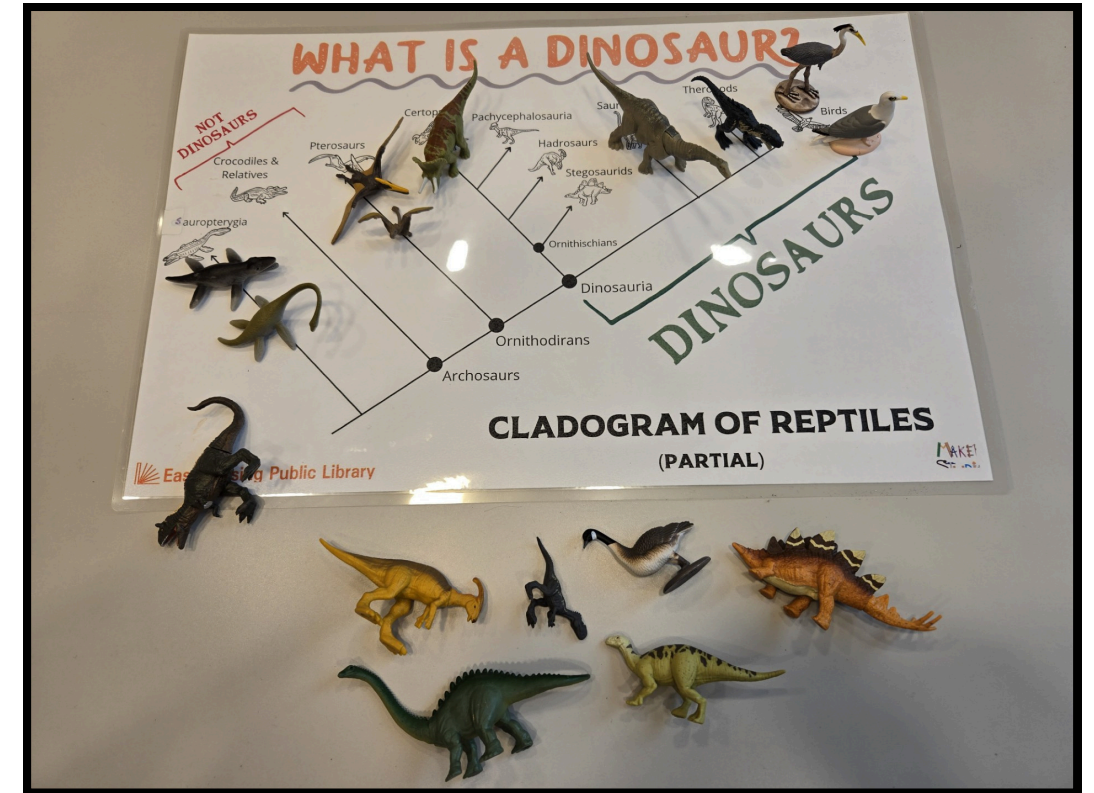


# WHAT IS A DINOSAUR?

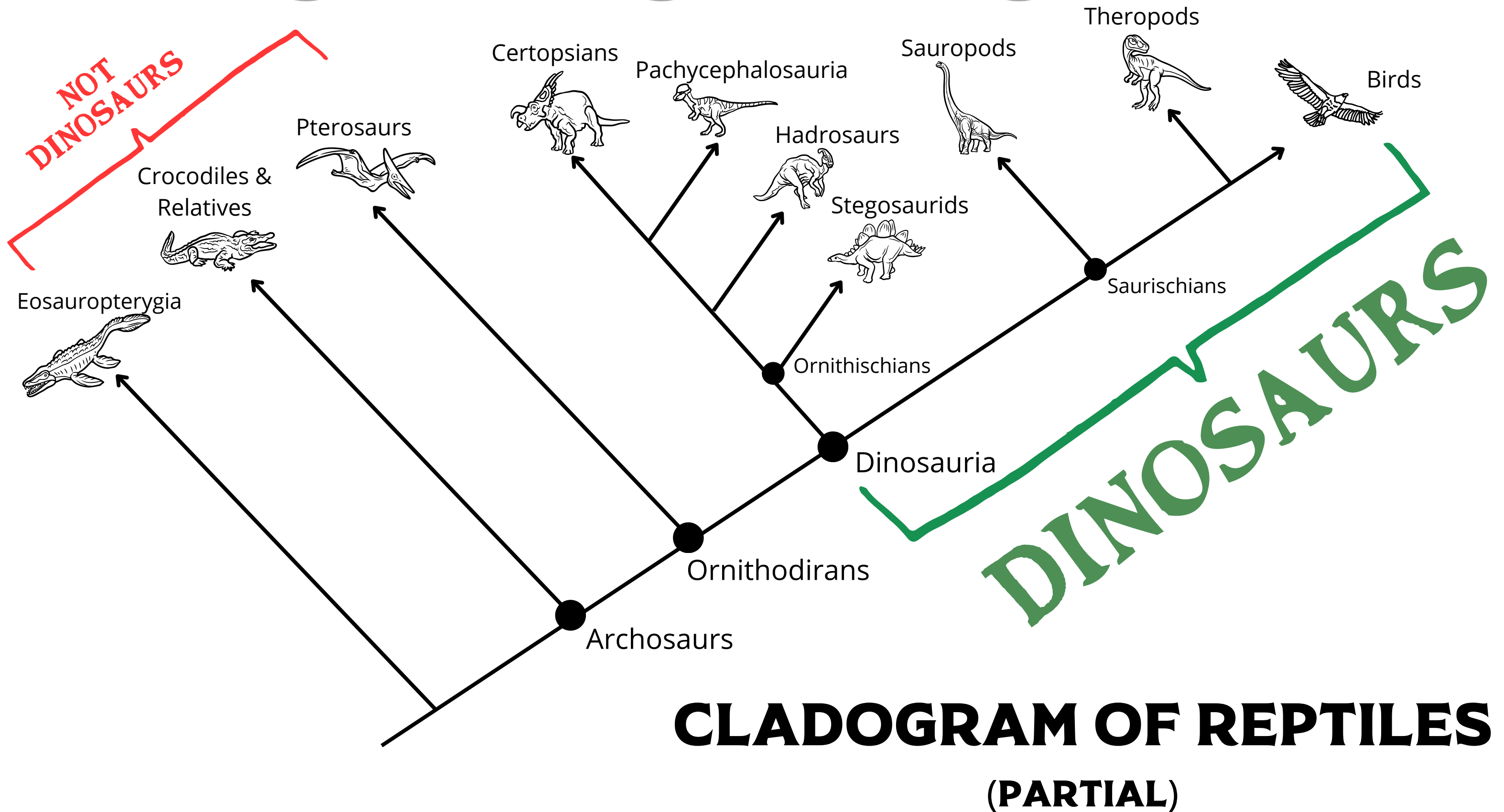
## Printable Activity Station

The following pages can be printed on 11x17" (ledger) paper. Page 2 can be used as an activity mat where patrons can try to sort small dinosaur toys (or printouts) of various dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures.

Pages 3 and 4 can be used as optional signage at this activity station to help emphasize some of the overarching points.

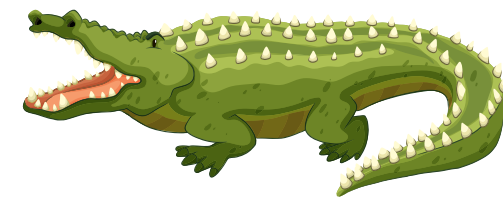


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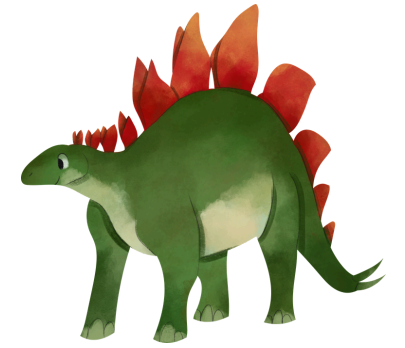


# WHAT IS A DINOSAUR?

Dinosaurs are a special group (clade) of **reptiles**, but not all reptiles are dinosaurs.

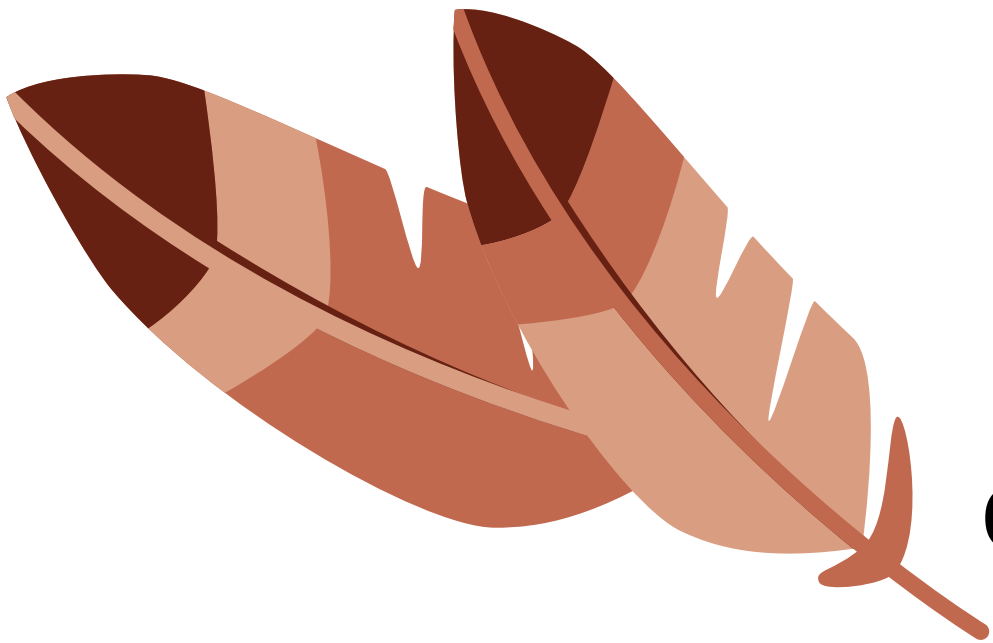


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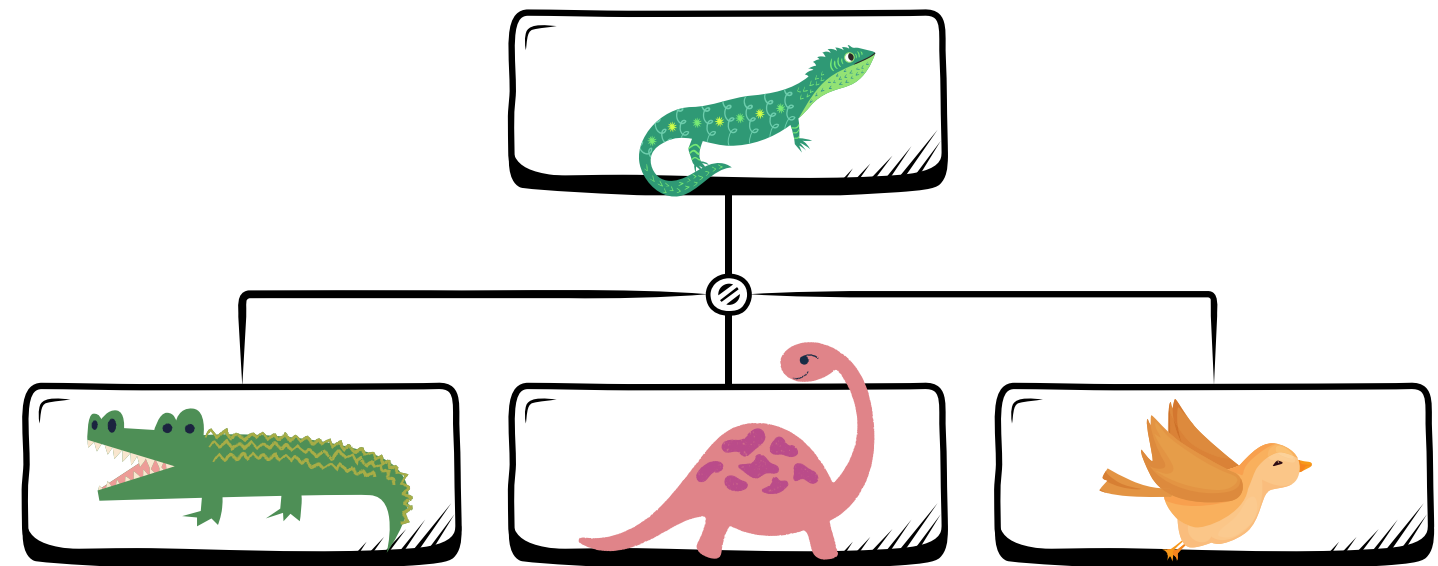
REPTILE ✓  
DINOSAUR ✓

Dinosaurs ruled the Mesozoic Era for nearly 185 million years, and during this time there were many **different kinds** of dinosaurs, including the **avian** (bird-like) and **non-avian** dinosaurs.



# WHAT IS A DINOSAUR?

To determine whether or not something is a dinosaur, scientists consider, in part, its **relationship** to other creatures.



Not all dinosaurs were big, and not all big things were dinosaurs. Similarly, not all dinosaurs have a name with "**-saur/-saurus**," and not all creatures with such names were actually dinosaurs.