

Lesson 2 – Africa Geologic History and Paleontology

Earth 105 – Audio Transcript

Hi everyone, this is your Environments of Africa Instructor, Dr. G., taking you into the Paleontology and Geologic History of Africa.

Congratulations to everyone for getting through the first week of this online course. And let me tell you, online courses are not easy to begin with. I know some of you probably knew that already from taking previous online courses. For those of you that this is your first online course, yes, it seems like an overwhelming amount of work but don't forget, you are not reporting to class twice or three times a week. So there is 3 hours of class time plus, according to Penn State academic policies, the 2-3 hrs your supposed to be spending doing class work for every hour that your in class and it adds up to some outrageous amount of time that we don't all have in the day. But, trust me, I am making sure you are getting the right information, the right amount and the right type of information, as if you were taking an online course.

Now, I am very pleased to see how well everyone did with week one. I think you guys are getting excited about this material. I am glad to see you exploring other parts of Africa and you have questions on different subjects, and hang on. There is so much more for us to get to.

This unit I am really excited about. I love talking about fossils and dinosaurs and you're going to be learning about plate tectonics, the geologic timescale, early hominids - it's always a fascinating story.

Your assignment this week deals with "The Dating Game." If you remember that the old TV show. But this time we are doing the prehistoric version of the Dating Game.

Now for this week you have two message boards that are due on Friday and one assignment that is due on Sunday, that's the "Prehistoric Dating Game". Now for one of your message boards, it is a two part message board. You need to complete an exercise online and then post your message. So please pay special attention to what is being described by that particular message board assignment. Again, everything is detailed in ANGEL.

You know you can always send me an email or contact me in other ways if you have any questions in anything. I am glad to see you are communicating with your peers in this class as well. So, best of luck to all of you in lesson 2 - Geologic History, Paleontology of AFRICA.