A Dinos Last Nerve!

Name: ANSWER KEY Date: _____

Vocabulary Words: Match the definition to each word.

1. The fossil called Archaeopteryx had both bird-like and dinosaur-like features.
2. Some scientists believe that birds evolved from dinosaurs.
3. Feathers are strong and lightweight, helping birds to fly.
4. Some claim that bird-like dinosaurs existed 40 million years before Archaeopteryx.
5. The bones of dinosaurs are often found buried together in rock layers.

Word bank: Archaeopteryx, feathers, birds, rock,40

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. What is one reason some scientists think birds came from dinosaurs?
   - A) Some dinosaurs walked on two legs like birds
   - B) Dinosaurs could fly
   - C) All dinosaurs had feathers
   - D) Dinosaurs laid eggs like birds

2. What unique feature did Archaeopteryx have that modern birds do NOT have?
   - A) Beaks
   - B) Teeth and claws on its wings
   - C) Teeth and claws on its wings
   - D) Colorful feathers

3. What is one argument against the idea that birds evolved from dinosaurs?
   - A) Birds are found only in the ocean
   - B) Dinosaurs did not have bones
   - C) The structure of feathers is extremely complex
   - D) Archaeopteryx could not fly

4. According to the passage, some fossil displays say that dinosaurs “probably had” what?
   - A) Wings
   - B) Beaks
   - C) Scales
   - D) Feathers

Discussion & Reflection: Answer the following questions in complete sentences

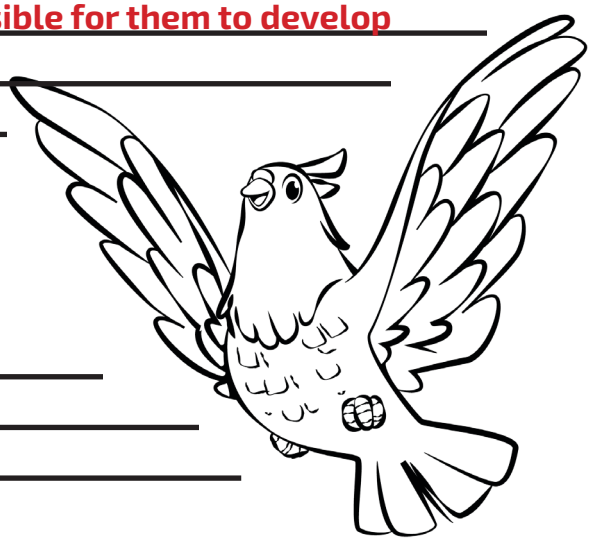
1. Describe two features of Archaeopteryx that are different from modern birds.

Archaeopteryx had teeth and claws on its wings, which are not found in modern birds.

2. What is one reason it is doubtful that birds evolved from dinosaurs??

One reason some people doubt that birds evolved from dinosaurs is that feathers and wings are very complex structures, making it impossible for them to develop from reptile scales through small changes.

3. This shows me that God is (Circle the word):

Wise Powerful Caring Creative All of the above

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