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INTRODUCTION

YOU are an ordinary child going about your everyday life. Suddenly you find yourself in a strange place and a strange time. It's a period from long ago. The world looks different from anything you've ever seen before. Terrifying beasts roam the land. Danger lurks at every turn. Where will you find shelter? How will you get food? Will you ever see your friends and family again? Most importantly of all, can you survive?

Chapter one sets the scene. Then you choose which path to take. Follow the directions at the bottom of each page. The choices you make determine what happens next. When you have finished your path, go back and read the others for more adventures.

YOU CHOOSE the path you take through the Ice Age!

Turn the page to begin your adventure.



CHAPTER 1

THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

You and your classmates are going on a class trip to the Museum of Natural History.

“I can’t wait to see the displays,” your friend Jayla says.

“I’m just happy to be getting out of our lessons today,” Mateo jokes.

You and Jayla roll your eyes.

Mr Andrist stands at the front of the bus.

“Okay, children,” he says, “when we get off the bus, a museum guide will lead you through exhibits of the Pleistocene Epoch.”

You have already learned in your lessons that this period of Earth's history started about 2.5 million years ago. It marked the beginning of the last Ice Age and lasted until about 12,000 years ago.

In Mr Andrist's lesson, you have studied animals called megafauna that lived during the Pleistocene Epoch. Many were giant versions of modern-day animals, such as the cave bear and the sabre-toothed cat. This time period is also when modern-day humans evolved.

When Mr Andrist stops talking, your classmates file off the bus. In front of the museum's glass doors stands a young woman with a name tag that reads "Rebecca".

"Hello! I am one of the palaeontologists on staff at the museum," she says. "Does everyone know what a palaeontologist does?"

“You study old things,” Mateo says.

The children around you chuckle quietly.

“Well, yes,” Rebecca says. “Though, here at the museum, I also get to share my knowledge with budding scientists such as yourselves.”

Rebecca shows you displays of Ice Age people and animals. You learn that in Europe, Neanderthals became extinct about 40,000 years ago, shortly after modern-day humans called Cro-Magnons arrived. Camels called camelops roamed western parts of North America. Australia had giant crocodiles and lizards.

After lunch, you line up in a long corridor. You manoeuvre to the front with Jayla and Mateo. There are three doorways with a sign above each one. One sign says “North America”, another reads “Europe” and the last reads “Australia”.

“This ends the guided part of your tour,” Rebecca says. “But your adventure isn’t over yet.”

She goes on to explain that you are going to learn about the last glacial period, which began almost 100,000 years ago and ended about 12,000 years ago. During this time in North America, glaciers covered most of Canada and extended south into the United States. Northern parts of Europe and Asia were also covered in these mountain-sized sheets of slow-moving ice. Even Australia was affected by the cold temperatures.

“At the end of this corridor are three doorways,” she adds. “Each one holds an exhibit about a different part of the world. Go ahead and explore, but please don’t touch the artefacts. They are very old and fragile.” Rebecca pauses before adding, “And some are rather special.”

Jayla turns to you and Mateo and asks,
“Which one shall we go and see first?”

“It doesn’t matter to me,” Mateo says.

Both friends look to you to decide.

To go to the North American display, turn the page.

To go to the European display, turn to page 45.

To go to the Australian display, turn to page 69.