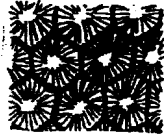




Name _____

Period _____

Fossil Identification

Fossil Group	Characteristics	Illustrations
	Skeletons are formed from $CaCO_3$. These marine animals grow in colonies or grow alone.	
	Shellfish with 2 hinged shells. Modern day examples are _____	
	This type of shellfish is nearly extinct and lives attached to the sea bottom by a pedicle.	
Gastropods		
		
	Extinct sea creatures similar in shape to modern horseshoe crabs, lobsters, and insects. Their bodies contained 3 parts: cephalon, thorax, and pygidium	
	Also known as sea lilies, these marine creatures attach to a seabed with a flexible stem, topped by a cup-shaped top called the calyx.	
	Consist of ferns typical of floodplains and swamps that would later become coal. These fossils occur as far back the Precambrian Era.	
Graptolites		