Guided Notes for "A Tale of Two Rocks"—A Scientific Article

Thematic Focus—Survival of the Species

Essential Question: How can readers determine the main idea of informational texts?

Pre-reading Activities

Jot list—What do you know about the extinction of the dinosaurs?

Definition of Informational Text:

Chicxulub Crater— List at least three (3) things you learned from watching the "news" report. 1.

- 2.
- 3.

List at least four (4) things you learned from watching the scientific discussion.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Definition of jargon:

Post-Reading Activities

Thesis: According to many scientists, the impact of the asteroid was the catalyst for "the sudden birth of a very different world."

What are THREE specific details from the text to support this idea.

1.

- 2.
- 3.

Making Inferences: The author of this text infers that humans and other large mammals wouldn't have evolved if dinosaurs hadn't become extinct.

Do you agree with this reasoning? Why or why not?

List two (2) examples from the text as support.