

RIDLEY JONES MUSEUM VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP Companion Guide

Dear Educators and Families,

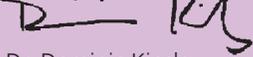
For Ridley Jones, life is one big adventure! Her home is a museum, which is fun during the day, but becomes a whole new world at night when the exhibits come to life.

Ridley Jones is a Netflix show full of daring, teamwork, and problem-solving as Ridley and her friends — a mummy, dinosaur, dodo, bison, and chimp astronaut — work together to explore the worlds inside the museum, protect priceless treasures, and tackle new challenges. As a team, Ridley and her friends learn to value others and celebrate adventure.

Children can join Ridley and her friends on a virtual field trip to a real museum — the Natural History Museum of Utah — with a 360-degree interactive video developed by Netflix and the curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired. The easy-to-implement activities in this guide complement the field trip and support early learning skills such as counting and reading readiness, while encouraging teamwork and fine motor skills.

We hope that you will enjoy this program and share it with other teachers and families. And please let us know your thoughts on this program at [ymiclassroom.com/feedback-ridley-ada](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/feedback-ridley-ada). We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,



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About Ridley Jones

Six-year-old Ridley Jones lives with her mom and grandma at a museum (which is just about the coolest place on earth for kids of all ages). Every night when the lights go out and the doors lock shut, all the exhibits — the stampeding elephants, the penguins, the Egyptian tombs — come to life and six-year-old Ridley is in charge! Ridley and her museum friends work together to save the day by solving problems all night. Meet the team: Dudley the dodo, Fred the bison, Ismat the mummy, Dante the dinosaur, and Peaches the astronaut chimp. Each brings different skills and abilities to their adventures. And the museum needs each of their unique talents. Because working together, they are stronger, even when they might disagree. Season 2 of **Ridley Jones** premieres on Netflix November 23.

Target Audience

Daycare, PreK – Grade 1

Program Components

Available at [ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada):

- This one-page teacher's guide
- Three reproducible activity sheets
- A link to the virtual field trip

What Children Will Learn

- Reading and listening skills
- Number and counting skills
- Teamwork strategies
- Fine motor skills

How to Use the Virtual Field Trip and This Guide

This program can be used by teachers, parents, and caregivers. To start, explore the virtual field trip at [ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada). The 360-degree interactive video featuring Ridley and friends takes children on a tour of the Natural History Museum of Utah. Children use their mouse to move virtually through different parts of the museum and learn facts about four exhibits: Past Worlds, Life, Gems and Minerals, and a special visiting exhibit, *Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs*. Plus, they get a behind-the-scenes look into the Paleontology Preparation Lab. To learn more about the Natural History Museum of Utah, visit nhmu.utah.edu.

Make photocopies of the three activity sheets to use in class or at home to reinforce concepts presented in the virtual field trip. Help younger children by reading each activity aloud. Students will need pencils and crayons for the activities.

Activity 1: Discover Dinosaurs!

Ask students to share what they know about dinosaurs — names of dinosaurs, their size, age, what they ate, etc. In the virtual field trip, Ridley learns some facts about dinosaurs. Distribute the activity sheet and complete it with the children to reinforce their learning. On the back of the sheet, have them draw one of the dinosaurs. **Answers:** *Gryposaurus*: school bus, teeth. *Barosaurus*: between bases on a baseball field, lawnmower. Both dinosaurs ate plants.

Activity 2: Museum Map

Introduce this activity by playing a game. Have the children stand and imagine that they are touring a museum. Depending on your space, give them directions to walk forward, backwards, to the left, and to the right different numbers of steps, and to look up and down. Then distribute the activity sheet and have the children work together to count steps on the map to help Ridley and her friends see the museum exhibits.

Activity 3: Amazing Colors!

Ask the children to describe the minerals, gems, and crystals they saw on the virtual field trip, identifying the colors, shapes, and sizes. Distribute the activity sheet and review the name of each mineral, gem, or crystal and have the children color it.

Extension: Ask students to share what they recall about Egypt from the virtual field trip. Ask them what shape pyramids are (triangles). Have students design pyramids using blocks, index cards, or paper cups.

There's More Online!

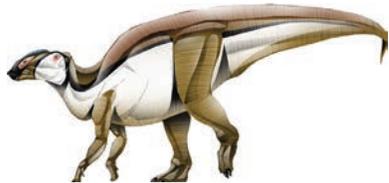
Visit [ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada) for additional resources to continue your adventures:

- **Adventure Awaits with Ridley Jones!** – This education guide features activities that support early learning skills and themes from the series, including teamwork and accepting differences.
- **Passport to Adventure Interactive Digital Quiz** – Engage children with this interactive quiz that combines video clips from *Ridley Jones* with fun multiple-choice and drag-and-drop questions.
- **Museum of Me Activity Guide** – Celebrate your learning adventure by having children create their own museum exhibits about themselves. The guide comes with reproducible activity sheets to help children create their exhibits. A great activity for in class or at home.



Discover Dinosaurs!

Ridley and her friends learn about dinosaurs on their virtual field trip. Show how much you learned! Circle the picture to complete each sentence.



Gryposaurus is a duck-billed dinosaur.

It could be as long as a _____.



bus



car

It had more than 300 _____.



teeth



horns

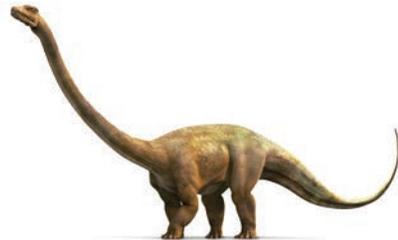
Scientists think both dinosaurs ate _____.



plants



rocks



Barosaurus is a dinosaur with a long neck.

It grew up to 90 feet long. That's the distance _____.



to the moon



between bases on a baseball field

Some scientists call it the Jurassic _____.



lawnmower



giraffe



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Activity 2

Museum Map



Help Ridley and her friends follow the museum map.
Count the steps between the exhibits.

1. First, they go see the dinosaurs. Count the steps. _____
2. Next, they go see the gems and minerals. Count the steps. _____
3. Then, they go see the Egypt exhibit. Count the steps. _____



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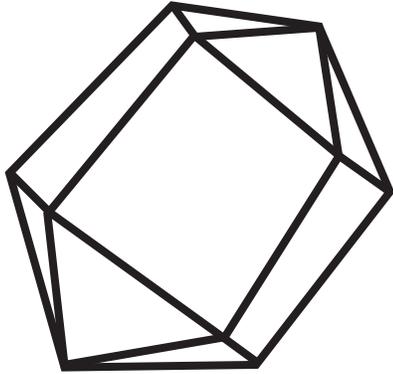


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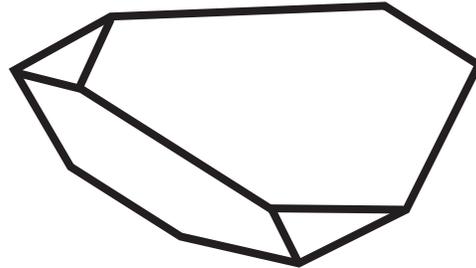


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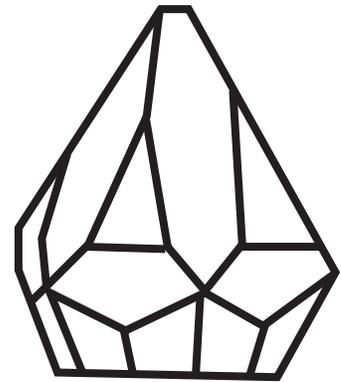
Minerals, gems, and crystals come in many shapes and colors.
Color each one below.



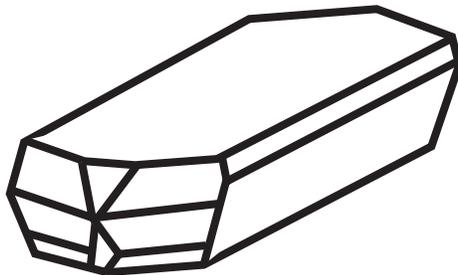
Amethyst = purple



Turquoise = blue



Rose quartz = pink



Emerald = green



Red beryl = red



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