



Discussion Questions

- 1) Discuss two advantages that an internal skeleton, complete with a well-developed vertebral column in animals.

- 2) Describe a likely candidate for the common ancestor of amphibians and the Amniota (i.e., the Sauropsids and mammals).

- 3) What are some major differences between reptiles and amphibians?

- 4) Decide whether or not the following statement is true, and support your claim with some evidence:

Reptiles are ectothermic, and therefore cannot survive in environments that are too cold because they cannot regulate their body temperature.

- 5) For three of the organisms that you saw in the video, discuss their unique adaptations to survival in the ecosystem(s) from which they are found.