

# Grading Rubric for the Extinct Species Art Contest

Each artwork will be evaluated based on four categories, with a total possible score of 100 points:

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## 1. Animal Anatomy and Paleo Accuracy (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** The extinct animal is depicted with exceptional anatomical detail and paleo accuracy, reflecting thorough research into fossil evidence and scientific reconstructions.
  - **16–20 points:** Mostly accurate anatomy with minor paleo inaccuracies that do not significantly detract from the representation.
  - **0–15 points:** Significant inaccuracies, outdated reconstructions, or lack of anatomical detail, showing limited effort in achieving paleo accuracy.
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## 2. Art Skills (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** Mastery of the chosen medium, demonstrating excellent technique and clean, polished execution.
  - **16–20 points:** Good technique with visible effort, though some areas could use refinement or consistency.
  - **0–15 points:** Basic or limited skill level, with inconsistencies or a lack of technical execution.
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## 3. Depiction of Prehistoric Environment (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** The environment clearly reflects the prehistoric era of the chosen species, accurately showing flora, landscape, and possible interactions with other species of the time.
- **16–20 points:** The environment is mostly appropriate and adds context, though some elements may be generalized or underdeveloped.

- **0–15 points:** The background is vague, inaccurate for the species' time period, or disconnected from the prehistoric setting.
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#### 4. Creativity (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** Highly creative, with unique and imaginative elements that make the artwork stand out.
- **16–20 points:** Good creativity, with thoughtful and engaging ideas that enhance the piece.
- **0–15 points:** Limited creativity, relying on standard concepts or lacking originality and personal expression.

### Awards Criteria for the Extinct Species Art Contest

Based on the final score, participants will receive the following awards:

- **Gold Award: 85 and above**  
Exceptional artwork that demonstrates outstanding accuracy, skill, creativity, and attention to detail.
- **Silver Award: 75–84**  
High-quality artwork showing strong effort, good technical skill, and thoughtful execution across all categories.
- **Honorable Mention: 60–74**  
Artwork that displays commendable effort and creativity, with room for further development in some areas.