4th-6th Grade Scavenger Hunt--KEY

Name ____________________________________________

Name two animals that are locally extinct (extirpated), but that do exist in other states:
1. _____Red wolf; Florida Panther______________
2. _____American Bison; Heavy Pig-toe Mussel__

What is a PLACODERM? ___an ancient armored fish that lived 360 mya

What two large animals are hanging from the ceiling, near the fossil wall?
1. ____Zyghoriza kochii (prehistoric whale)
2. ____Progostega gigas (giant sea turtle)
Are they dinosaurs? ___Yes ___or ___No (Hint: Dinosaurs lived on land.)

Name three animals that lived in Mississippi during the Pleistocene Epoch? (Hint: Check the Hot Pink section of the fossil wall.)
1. ___Sabertoothed cat; American Lion; Tapir; Great short faced Bear
2. ___Mastodon, Mammoth; Giant Beaver;
3. ___Giant Bison; Deer; Horse

Name three fish in the Pearl River Tank (largest tank):
1. ___Black Crappie, White Crappie;
2. ___Bigmouth Buffalo; Green Sunfish; Spotted Bass
3. ___Hybrid Striped Bass

Name four snakes in Mississippi: (Based on Animals you see in exhibit)
1. ___Timber Rattlesnake 2. _______Eastern Diamondback Rattle Snake;
3. ___Cottonmouth; Rat Snake; Eastern Garter Snake; 4. Red Milk Snake; Eastern Indigo Snake
What three things did you learn about salamanders?
1. They live in any freshwater habitat; lay eggs on land, preferably in a floodplain.
2. Spotted salamanders live in burrows made by small mammals and hunt for worms and other invertebrates under leaves.
3. Dwarf-Salamanders are the size of a matchbox; Salamanders are amphibians.

Name four birds you would find in Mississippi (common ones seen at the observation station, and a few throughout the museum)
1. Blue Jay; Fish Crow; Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren
2. Northern Mockingbird; Tufted Titmouse; Eastern Bluebird; American Robin; Common Grackle
3. Red-tailed hawk; Mourning Dove
4. Brown Pelican; Yellow-bellied sapsucker; Eastern Wood Pewee; Cedar Waxwing; White throated sparrow; etc...

What did you see through the binoculars? ____________________________

Name three endangered animals of Mississippi:
1. Gulf Sturgeon; Black Bear; Brown Pelican; MS Redbelly turtle; Black-knobbed Sawback Turtle; Gopher Tortoise
2. Eastern Indigo Snake; Clubshell; Ringed Sawback Turtle; Ovate Clubshell; Southern Combshell; Alabama Moccassin Shell
3. American Burying Beetle; MS Sandhill Crane; Kemp’s Ridley Turtle, West Indian Manatee, etc

How many black bears live in Mississippi today? ______ 30-50
Why are there so few now? timber-harvesting; land cleared for agriculture and overhunting

Name two fish lived in the Mississippi River before the dinosaurs? (See display about the MS River.)
1. Shovel-nose Sturgeon; Pallid Sturgeon
2. Paddlefish; Alligator Gar; Shortnose Gar

What kind of animal is the Northern Hog Sucker? (See the Loess Hills Creek exhibit) _______Fish
Was it near the bottom of the tank? ______Yes What is his job? ______Tank-cleaner!

What kinds of fish would you find in the reservoir? (Sportfish!)
1. Florida Large-mouth Bass; Bluegill; Red-ear Sunfish
2. Blacktail Redhorse; Black Crappie; White Crappie; Channel Catfish
3. Small-mouth Buffalo; Green Sunfish