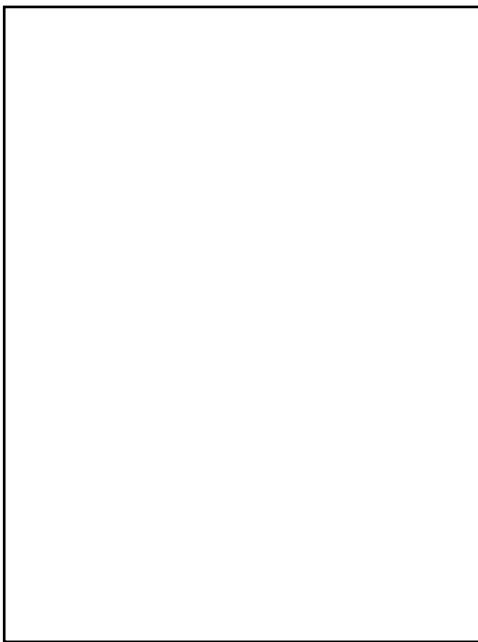
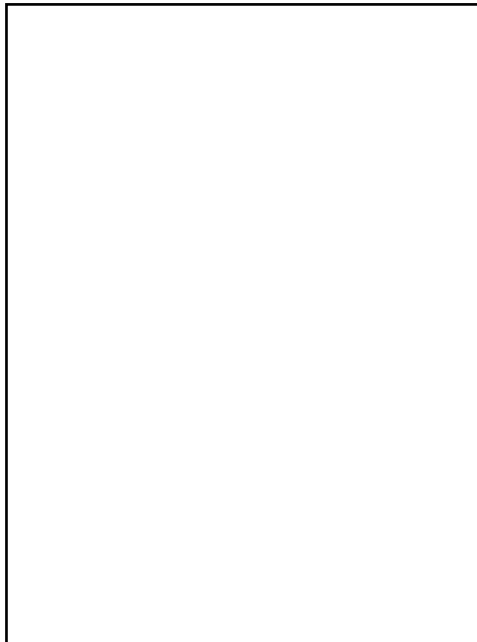


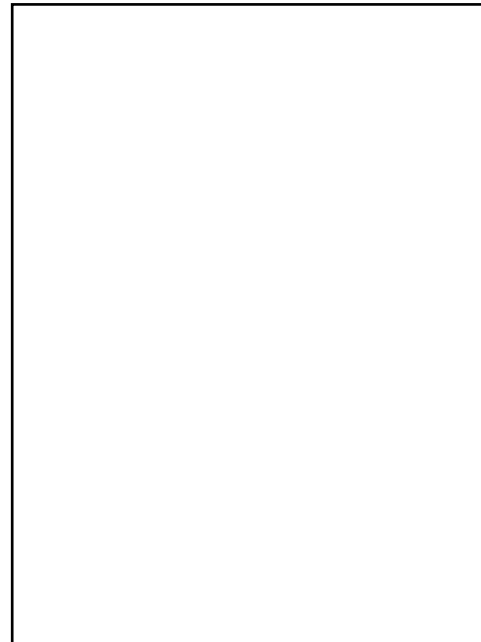
1- Red coral was an animal that lived in a colony with other corals.



2- Each coral animal had a mouth and tentacles to catch food.



3- Coral animals grew on the bottom of the warm saltwater sea that covered Michigan millions of years ago.

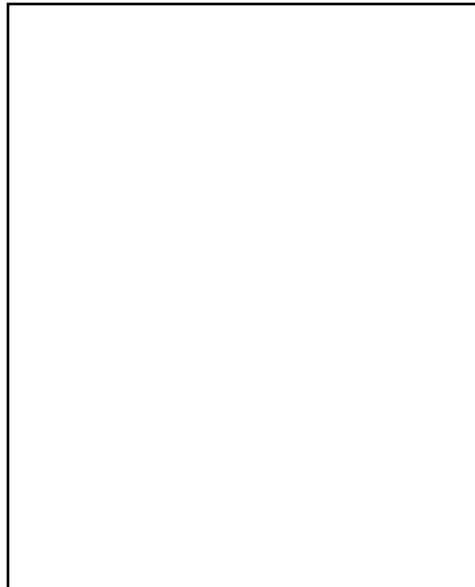


4- When the coral animals died, they left behind their skeletons.

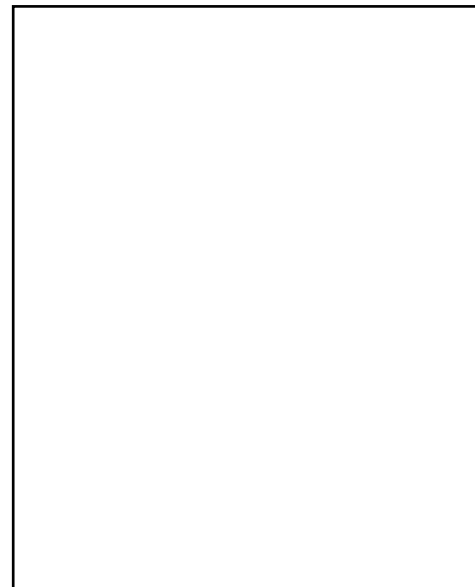




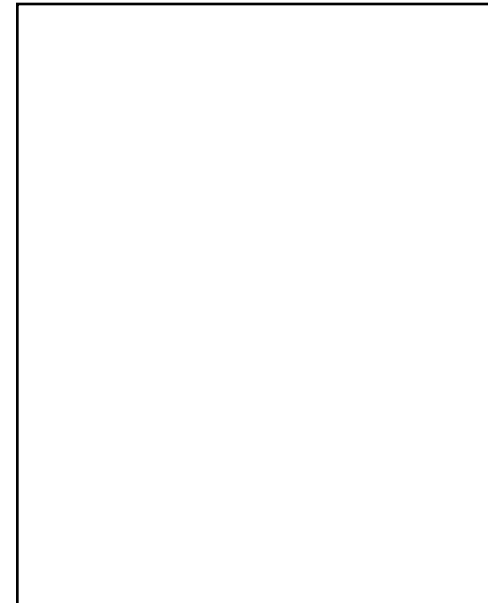
5. Mud and sand filled in the skeletons.



6. Over time, heavy layers of dirt pushed down on the skeletons and changed them into fossils.



7. Two million years ago, mile-high glaciers pushed through Michigan and scattered coral fossils everywhere.



8. Today, we call these fossils- Petoskey stones. You can find them along the shores of Torch Lake or in the roads after a rain.

If you want to know more, go to: [www.conservetorch.org/Petoskey stone](http://www.conservetorch.org/Petoskey%20stone).

