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## **Dinosaurs in the Dark**

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Millions of years ago, dinosaurs lived on Earth. Do you know where they lived?

Many dinosaurs lived in hot, steamy jungles. But some also lived in cold places near the North and South poles.

Near the North and South poles, winter is very dark. The sun does not rise for many months! How could the dinosaurs live in these cold and dark places?

They had B-I-G eyes. Scientists think that their big eyes helped the dinosaurs find food and watch out for predators.

Scientists also think that the dinosaurs' bodies might have been able to make their own heat. This would have helped them survive the cold winters.

These adaptations helped the dinosaurs survive the darkness and cold near the North and South poles.

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