

Let's imagine: fossil

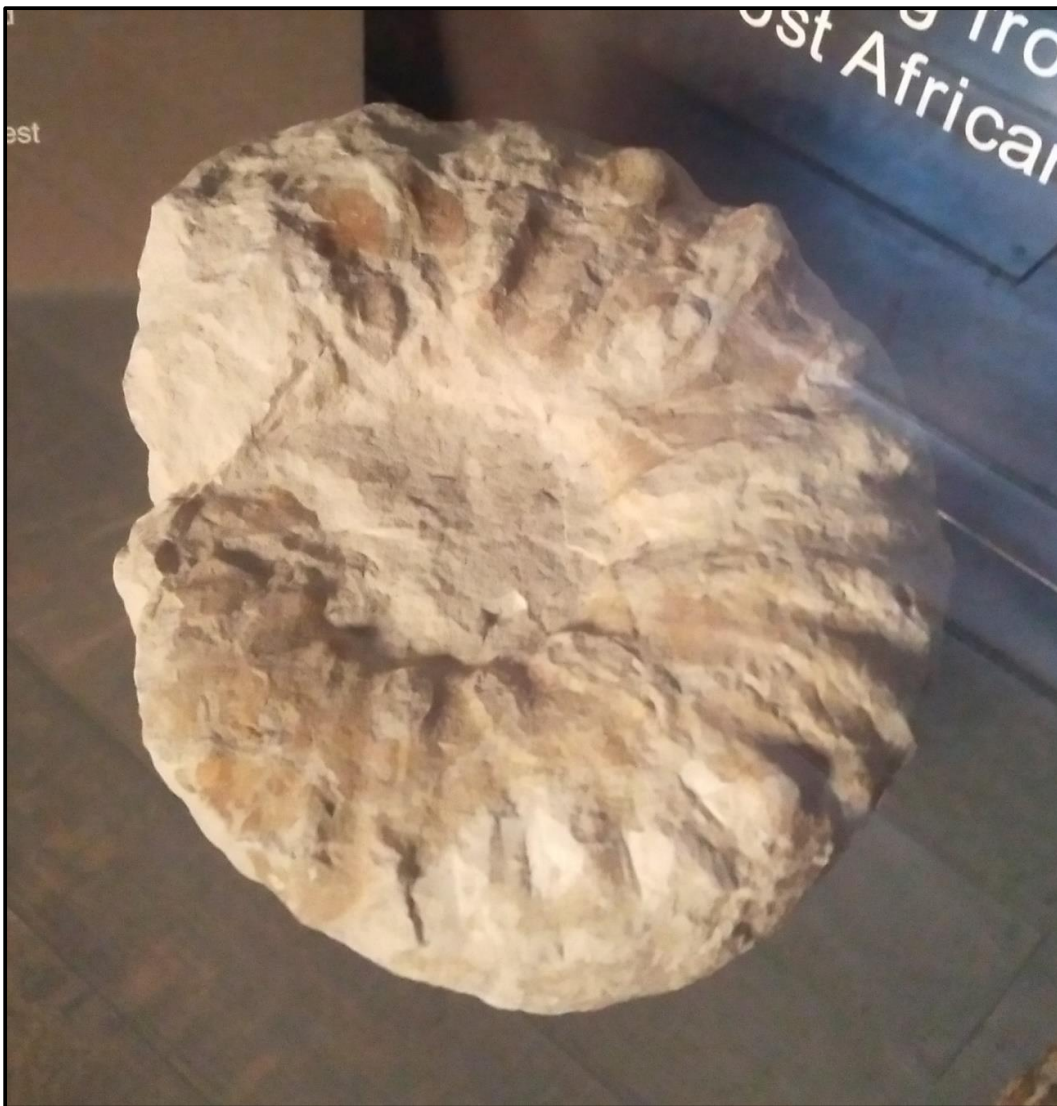
Each week the Museum is going to publish a 'Let's Imagine' activity sheet. This activity sheet will include a picture of an object in the Museum. It will tell you about the object and then it will be up to you to imagine a story, poem and/or picture inspired by this object. The sheet will include at least three questions or statements to help get you started and inspired.

This week's object is an ammonite fossil that can be found in The Cloth Hall. Read the information below the picture to find out more about this type of fossil.

Describe or draw the patterns on this fossil and make up some patterns of your own.

Draw what the ammonite would have looked like when it was alive.

Write a story or poem about being transported back to a time when ammonites swam in the seas. What do you see and do?



Ammonites are long dead sea creatures. They lived during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, about 400 to 65 million years ago, and became extinct at the end of the Cretaceous, about the same time as the dinosaurs became extinct. Their nearest living relatives are octopus, squid, cuttlefish and the Pearly Nautilus. Ammonites are commonly found as fossils, their remains having been buried in sediment, on the seabed, which later formed as rock. They got their name from the ancient Egyptian god, Amun, as their spiral shape resembles the ram's horn worn by this god.