

Lesson 2: Whole Class Dinosaur Research (Herrerasaurus)**Objective:**

1. Students will use expository text to find information about the Herrerasaurus.

Materials:

- A collection of dinosaur books from the school library
- Class set of the **Document: Research Page**
- Class set of the **Document: Herrerasaurus**

Procedure: (Students will work in groups of three.)

1. Distribute a few dinosaur books to each group.
2. Distribute the **Documents: Research Page** and **Document: Herrerasaurus** to each student.
3. Explain to your students that they will work as a team together to research information of the dinosaur Herrerasaurus.
4. As a class, review both documents. As you review the document *Herrerasaurus*, pause to highlight information that they will be looking for (i.e. its diet and weight) to include on the research page. Model for your class how to record the information on the research page.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Dinosaur Research

Draw a picture of the Herrerasaurus.

Name of the Dinosaur: _____

Meaning of the Name: _____

Height: _____

Length: _____

Weight: _____

It walked on _____ legs.

It was a _____ because it ate _____.

Interesting Fact:

Bibliography:

Extension Ideas:

1. Using the content from the research page, students can create an informational poster of Herrerasaurus.
2. Visit YouTube.com and search: Dinosaur Animation! Herrerasaurus. It is a one minute clip from the 1992 documentary "The Dinosaurs: The Nature of the Beast." In it, students will see Herrerasaurus hunting and eating small prey.

****Teachers, please PREVIEW the clip FIRST before showing it to your students.**