



Steps to Taking Notefacts

These are directions to help you take notefacts for your IIM research study using the *Notefacts* pages. If you follow these steps, you will be on the way to becoming a good researcher.

1. Each resource you use for notetaking is called a “source” and will have its own number. Write that number in the large magnifying glass and on all the small magnifying glasses on your *Notefacts* pages.
2. Record required information for your bibliography on the solid lines.
3. Now you’re ready to take notefacts. Agent IIM calls them notefacts because they are short (notes) and true (facts).
4. Notefacts should be
 - Written in your own words.
 - Short but complete enough to make sense.
 - Related to your goal-setting questions.
 - Written between the dotted lines - one notefact per space.
 - Documented by page number.

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STEP 3: RESEARCH

Notefacts

Source # **1.**

Jurassic, James. *Prehistoric Creatures*.
Exeter: Seaside Publishing, 1996.
(p. 13-15)

furry body size of turkey

soared over water hunting fish

ate fish

males larger than females

excellent glider

skinny hind legs

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Prehistoric Flying Reptiles

by James Jurassic

Pterosaurs (flying reptiles) lived during the time of the dinosaurs; however, they really were their own species since dinosaurs couldn't fly. They evolved during the Jurassic Period (208-144 million years ago), but were most common during the Cretaceous Period (144-65 million years ago). One of the most interesting pterosaurs, the Pteranodon, lived during that era. One of the many fossils that have been unearthed, scientists can describe how it looked and how it lived. We know it inhabited cliffs close to bodies of water where it hunted for fish. It had fur on its turkey-sized body and giant wings that allowed it to glide from cliff to cliff. The females were smaller than the males. It had difficulty walking because its legs were very thin—hardly thick enough to hold up its body.