

Fossils are naturally preserved remains, imprints, or traces of organisms that lived long ago.

A paleontologist is a scientist who studies fossils.

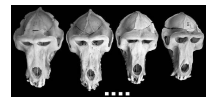
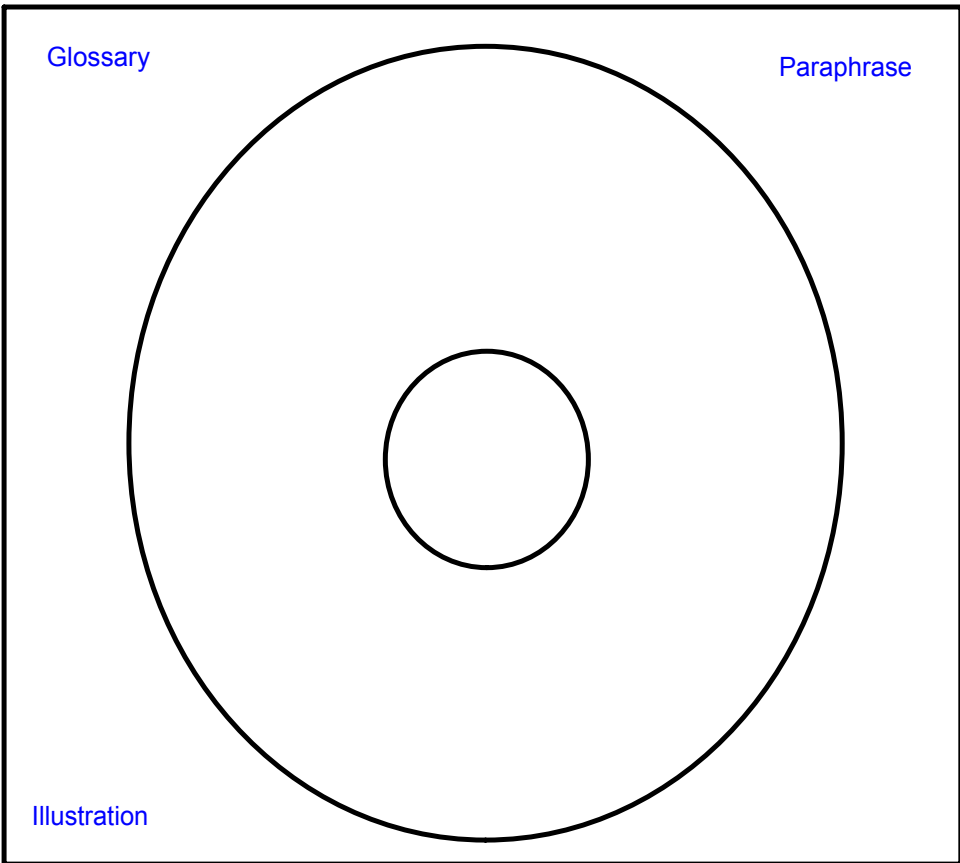
Permineralization is the process in which groundwater deposits minerals in empty spaces of an organism's original hard structures and preserves them.

A mold is a type of fossil that forms as an imprint or cavity in a rock

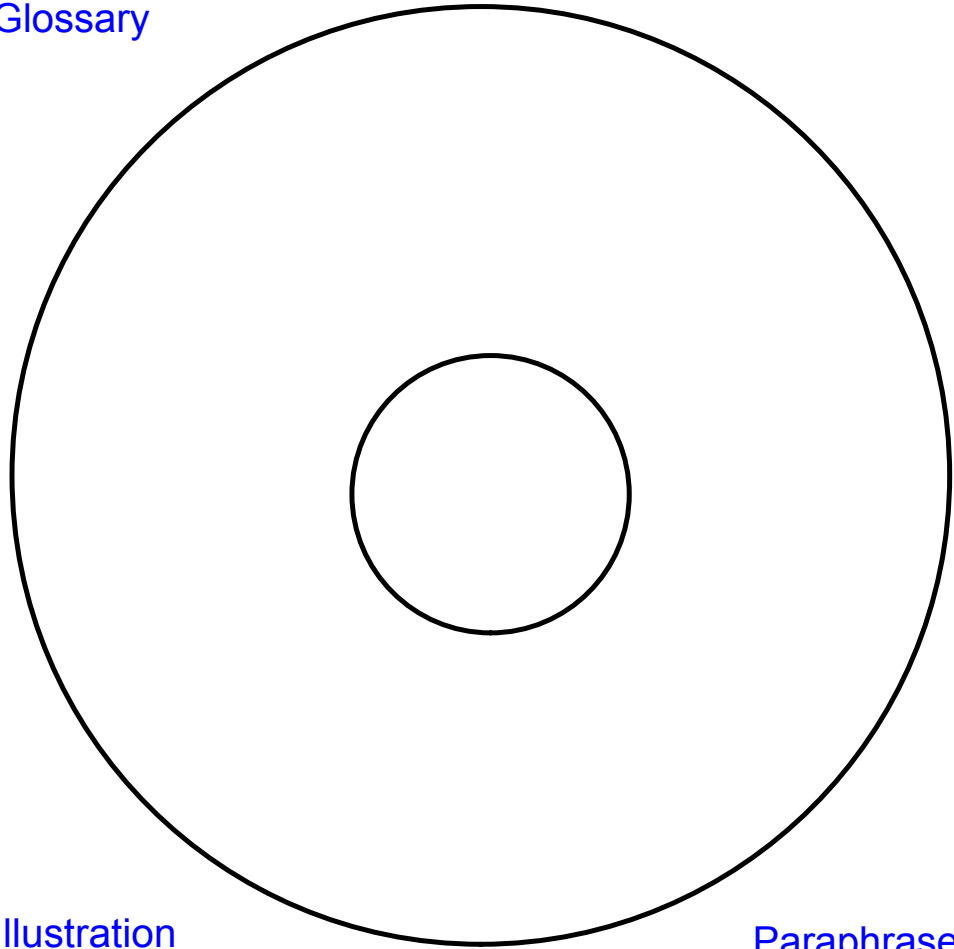
A cast is a type of fossil that forms when crystals fill a mold or sediments wash into a mold and harden into rock.

A fossil record is the history of all known fossils and their placements in the formation of rocks and positions in time.

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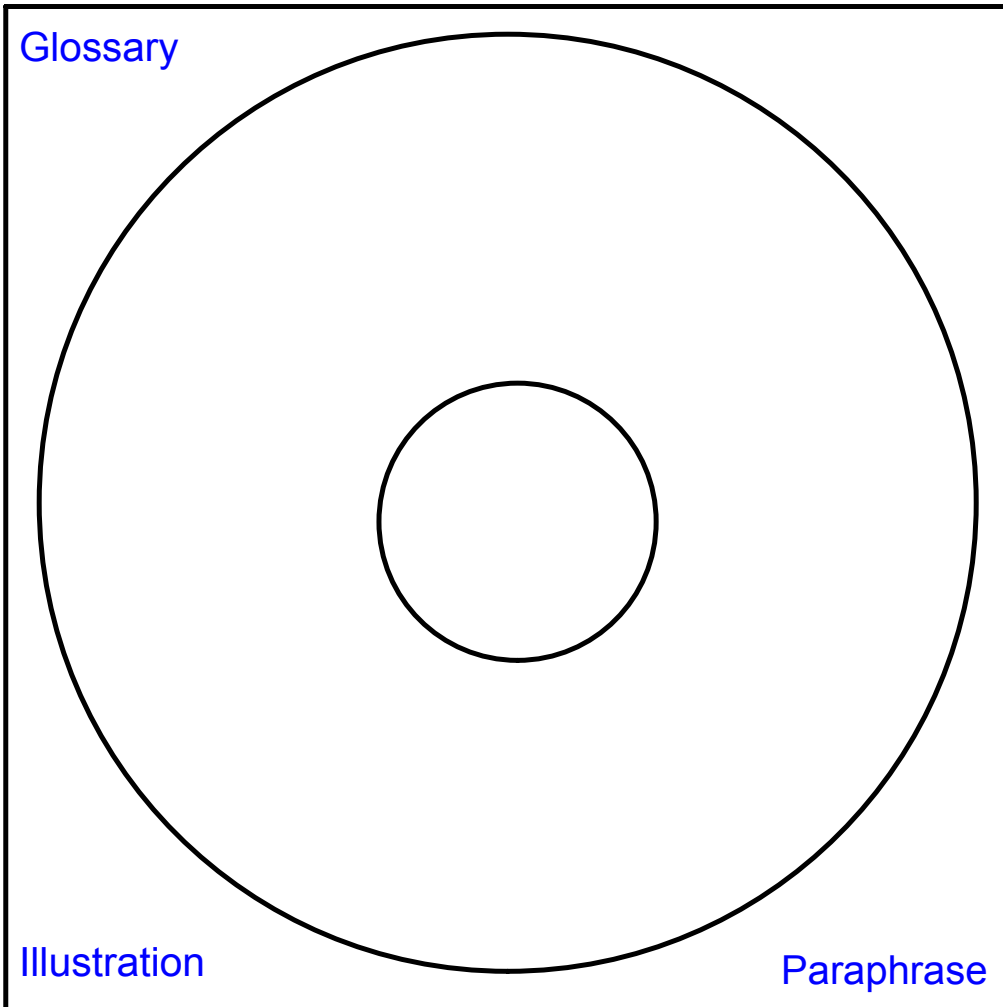
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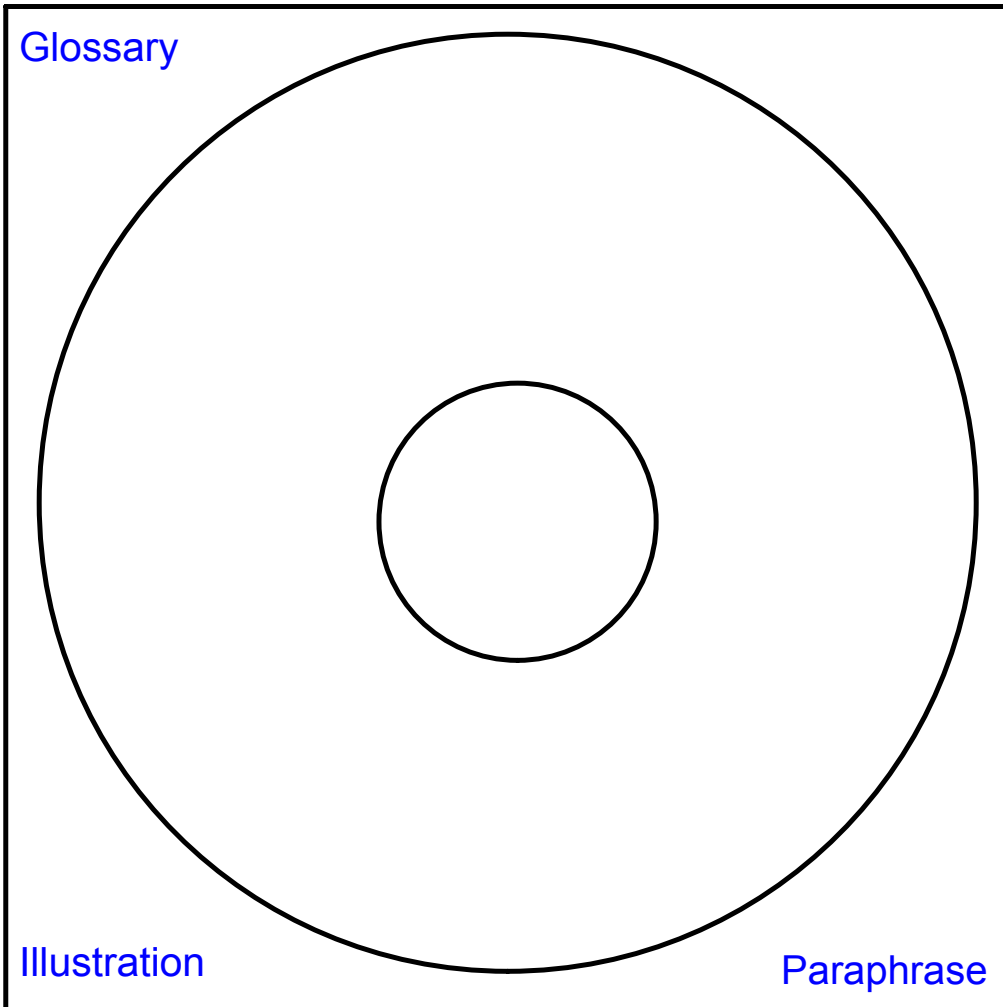
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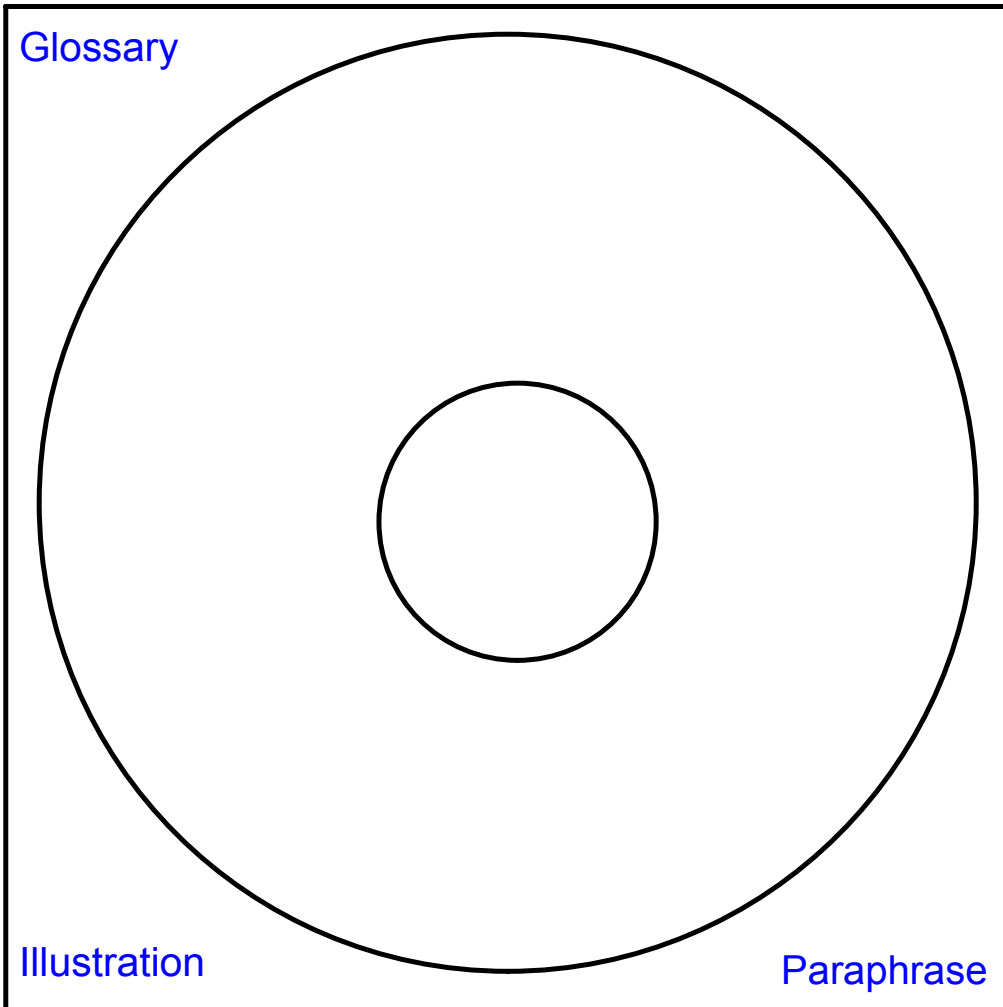
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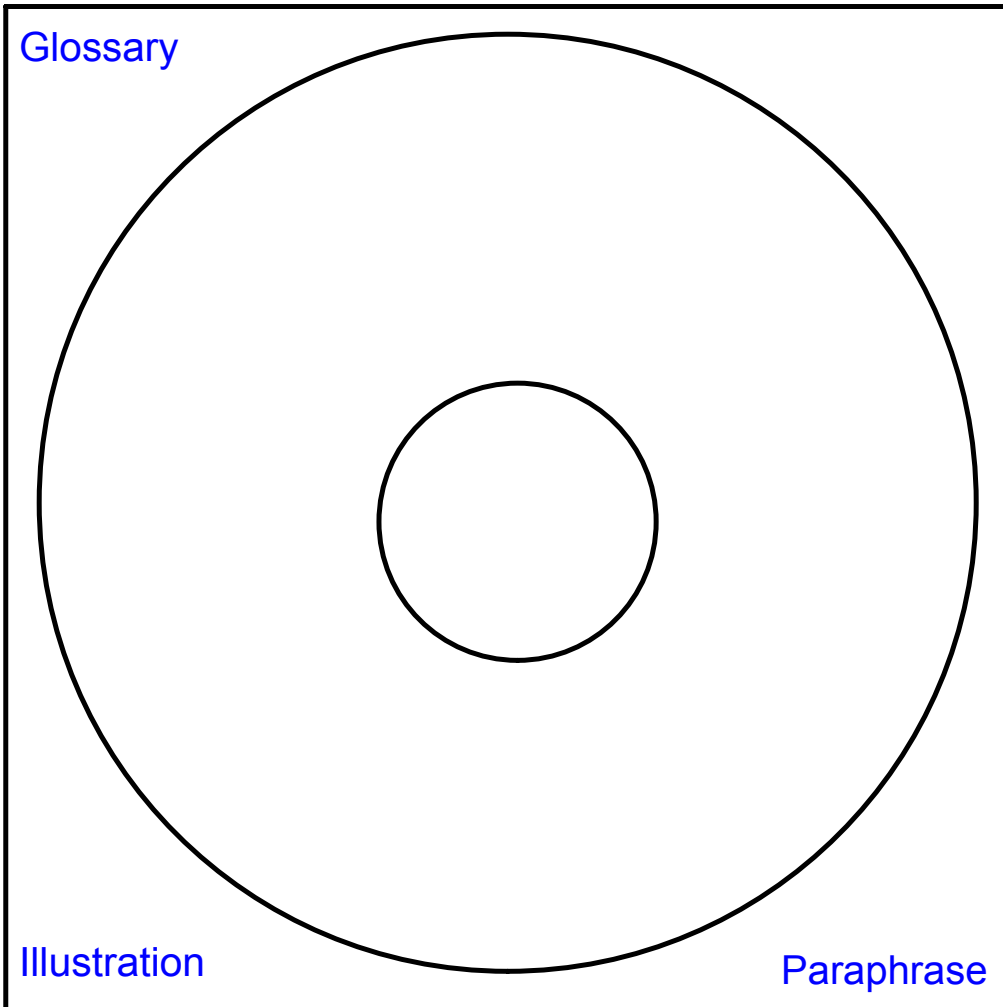
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