

Asteroids and Dinosaurs

One of the more famous facts about asteroids is that it was an asteroid impact that killed the dinosaurs.

For a long time, there was a mystery.

Was it climate change? Was there some other catastrophe that killed the dinosaurs?

But it turns out that there is, at the boundary, it's called the K-T boundary, when the dinosaurs became extinct, you can find all over the world an elevated layer of Iridium.

Iridium is a siderophile element, which means it's a metal-loving element.

So you don't find a lot of it on the Earth's surface abundantly.

So the fact that everywhere on the planet you find this layer was sort of a real smoking gun that it was actually an asteroid impact that killed the dinosaurs.