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## Animal Finger Puppets

Create these animal finger puppets to show off their teeth! Columbian mammoths (like the ones in the museum's courtyard) carried a heavy load: One tusk alone could weigh over 100 pounds and grow 14 feet long! A Smilodon, also called a sabertooth cat, preyed on large mammals like bison, camels, ground sloths, and young mammoths. They could open their mouths as wide as 120 degrees—almost twice as wide as modern tigers can!

### You'll need:

- Finger puppet templates
- Scissors
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Pipe cleaner or other bendy material
- Tape
- Hole punch

### What to do:

1. Print out a set of finger puppets on heavy weight paper.
2. Color in the puppets.
3. Cut out around the puppets.
4. Punch out or cut out holes for fingers and tusks.
5. Add tusks by threading one pipe cleaner (or other bendy material) through the tusk holes, and tape in place on the back side.
6. Use your fingers to make the mammoth's trunk and the Smilodon's saber teeth.

