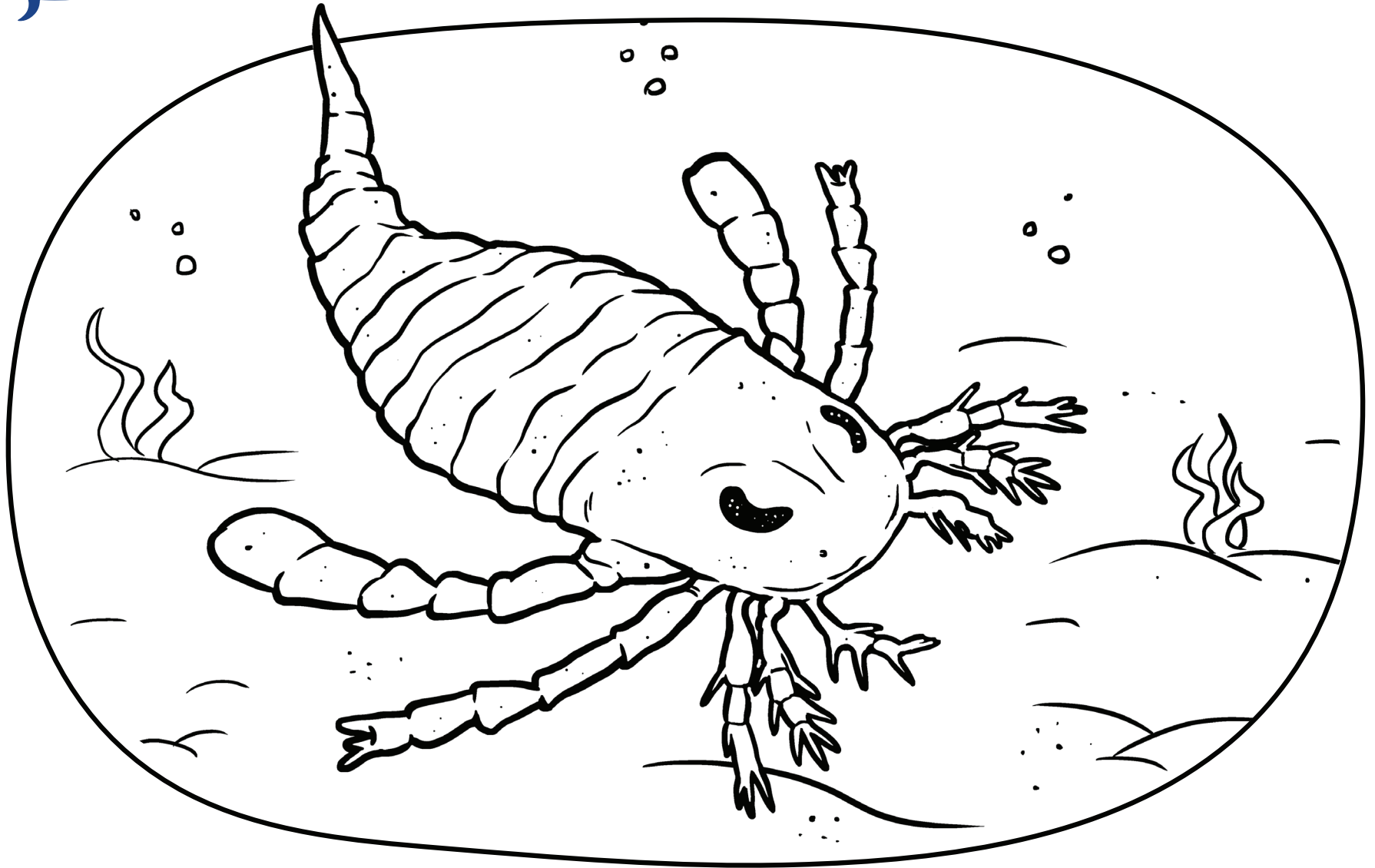


The Eurypterid is the official
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Eurypterid "Sea Scorpion" Fossil

NEW YORK'S FAVORITE FOSSIL

The eurypterid, or "sea scorpion," is a creature that lived in the world's oceans over **400 million years ago!** At that time, New York was almost entirely underwater. It was covered in a warm, tropical ocean!

Did you notice the big "arms" on the sides of the eurypterid as you colored it in? What do you think these arms were used for? What were they **adapted** to do? Write it in the box below!



Scientists aren't totally sure how the eurypterid lived, because these creatures have been extinct for more than 250 million years! We can only make guesses about what its arms and other body parts were used for, based on the fossils it has left behind.

Limestone is a special **sedimentary** rock that forms from the shelly remains of ocean creatures. Limestone is very common in New York and can contain some really cool fossils!

