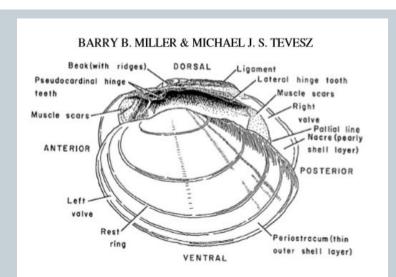
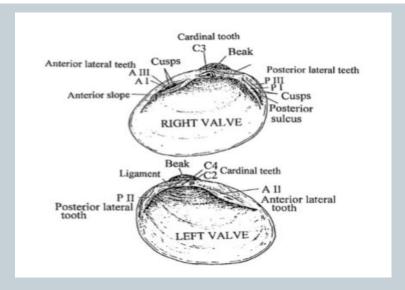


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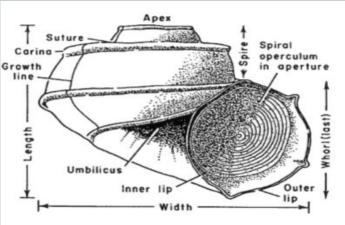
The North American Quaternary freshwater molluscan fauna





freshwater mussels

They are particularly meet in calcareous sediments.



fingernail clams

gastropods

What can we define?

- productivity;
- water sources;
- temperatures of the environments in which the molluscs lived;
- information about the relative ages of fossil assemblages;
- effective temperature histories of fossil sites.

They have been used to

- reconstruct former stream confluences (Taylor, 1965;
 Miller, 1976);
- provide a basis for biostratigraphic zonation of sedimentary sequences (Miller et al., 1979; 1985; Miller & Kott, 1989; Keen, 1990);
- reconstruct local habitat and climatic conditions.

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