The passage and the lecture argue over the theories to explain how agnostids, a group of marine animals, may have lived. The reading provides three theories to determine how they behaved. However, the lecture casts doubt on those theories and brings up three main reasons to reject specific points made in the reading passage.

Firstly, the author believes that agnostids were free-swimming predators hunted smaller animals, they were 6 millimeters long and there were many smaller organisms in the sea for them to eat. On the other hand, the speaker points out that predators should have large strong eyes to find and track their preys under the water. according to fossil analysis, agnostids had tiny little eyes and they were somehow blind, so they cannot be predators.

Secondly, the reading and the listening are discussing about the theory of being a Seafloor Dwellers. The writer of the text believes that agnostids dwelled the seafloor due to the fact that some types of primitive arthropods live this way. Nevertheless, the lecturer claims that this can not be true, he mentions that they could not be sea-Floor Dwellers because if they were, they could not move fast, moreover they would not spread in different inhabitants.

Finally, the article posits that maybe agnostids were parasites since there are some species of arthropods which are feeding off the larger organisms. However, the professor explains that their populations should not be large and should be limited. they would not be such this marine, because the fossils were found in the vast amounts and they were varied in the size.

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