IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS OF SKELETAL STRUCTURES

1) **FOSSA**: Is a **depression** in a bone. Ex: TMB Temporomandibular joint.

2) **MEATUS**: Is a **tube**. Ex: External auditory meatus.

3) **CONDYLE**: Is a **smooth rounded surface**. Ex: Distal end of your femur.

4) **TROCHANTER**: **Enlarged irregular mass** of bone. Ex; Greater trochanter of femur.

5) **FORAMEN**: A **hole**—the largest is…. Ex: Formamen magnum…. WHY DO WE HAVE IT? What important organ run through it?

6) **SINUSES**: Are **cavities** in the bone. Ex; Maxillary sinus.—Look at skulls with doors in the laboratory

You have a table in your textbook that contains the information above with more identifying characteristics of skeletal structures. Find it in your textbook and know them in order to help you memorize all the ‘RELEVANT’ landmarks you will be responsible for the skull.