

## **Dinosaurs**

Long ago, dinosaurs roamed the Earth. When dinosaurs lived, the Earth was different. No people lived there. Dinosaurs ruled the land.

Dinosaurs came in all sizes and shapes. Some were tiny. Some were huge. Some flew like birds. Some moved quickly. Others moved slowly. They also ate different things. But many people think that the largest dinosaurs are the best.

### **Plant Eaters**

Many dinosaurs ate plants. The Brachiosaurus was a plant eater.

The Brachiosaurus was huge. It weighed 50 tons! It was a really hungry dinosaur. It had large, flat teeth. It used its teeth to chew the plants. It had to eat a lot of plants to stay full! It also had a huge body. It moved very slowly. It had a long neck so that it could easily eat leaves from tall trees. It also had a large tail. The tail helped it stand up. Scientists believe the animal might have used it as a weapon.

### **Stegosaurus** **STEG-oh-SORE-us**



Another plant eater was the Stegosaurus. This dinosaur weighed two tons! That's as much as two vans. The Stegosaurus had large plates on its back. These plates protected it from attack. Some of these plates were three feet high.



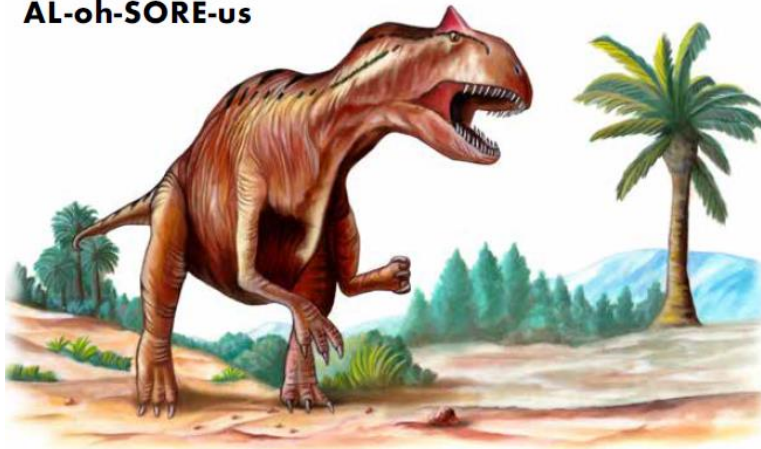
**Triceratops**  
**tri-SER-uh-TOPS**

Then there was the Triceratops. It had three horns on its face. The horns protected it from other dinosaurs. This was the ugliest dinosaur!

### **Meat Eaters**

Who would attack these amazing plant eaters? Other dinosaurs!

**Allosaurus**  
**AL-oh-SORE-us**



One of these attackers was the Allosaurus. This dinosaur couldn't move fast. So it hid. When an animal walked by, it would jump on its prey and attack.

## **Tyrannosaurus Rex** **tie-RAN-uh-SORE-us RECKS**



Another frightening animal was the scary Tyrannosaurus Rex. This animal was fierce. It could move fast. It weighed about eight tons. It walked on two feet. It used its front arms to catch a meal. Its fingers and toes had long, sharp claws. It also had razor-like teeth. After a Tyrannosaurus caught an animal, it was not long before that animal became a meal.

### **Dinosaurs Today**

No one has ever seen a living dinosaur. The last one died over 65 million years ago. No one knows why.

How do we know about dinosaurs today? We look at dinosaur bones. You can see dinosaur bones in museums.



We have a lot to learn about dinosaurs. We don't know what colors they were. We don't know if any had feathers or fur. We do know that they were found all over the world. They lived in hot, dry places. They also lived in wet jungles.

Each year, scientists find more and more dinosaur bones. Many of us think that dinosaurs are the most interesting creatures to study. We are still finding out new things about these animals that lived long, long ago.