

AMMONITES

Ammonites lived a long, long time ago. They became extinct about the same time as dinosaurs. We know about them because of fossils. The fossil isn't the ammonite. It is its shell. The ammonite that lived in the shell had a soft body. It had large eyes and tentacles that it used to capture food. It is related to the octopus and the squid.

Scientists find these fossils in an area that goes all the way from Texas to Canada. Finding these fossils helps them figure out the age of the rock they are in.