

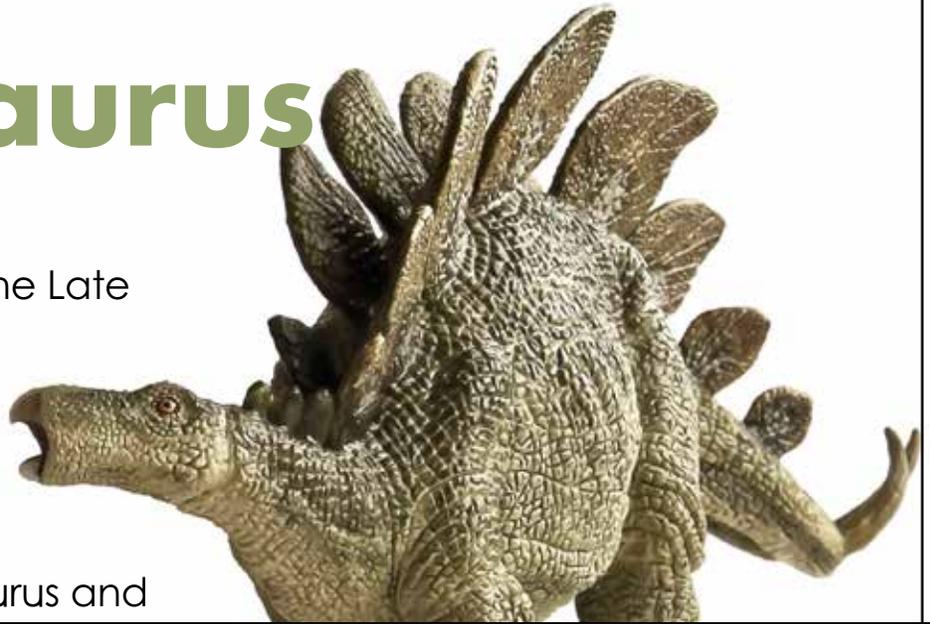
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Stegosaurus

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Stegosaurus lived in the Late Jurassic period. That was 150 million years ago.

Stegosaurus ate plants, just like Apatosaurus and



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stuck out of the end of its tail.

The Stegosaurus was probably not very smart. Its brain was the size of a walnut.

Scientists once thought Stegosaurus used the plates for protection. The plates made Stegosaurus look larger and tougher. But the plates weren't very strong. They had hollow sections that might have contained blood vessels. So now scientists think the plates helped Stegosaurus keep its body at the right temperature.

Stegosaurus probably did use its tail spikes to fight off meat-eaters like Allosaurus. It also might have traveled in herds for extra protection.

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1. How long ago did the Stegosaurus live?
 - a. less than 100 million years ago
 - b. less than 50 million years ago
 - c. more than 100 million years ago
 - d. more than 200 million years ago



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- _____ , _____ , and _____
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4. What did the Stegosaurus use to protect itself?

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| a. its tail | b. its mouth |
| c. the plates on its back | d. its brain |

5. Which meat-eating dinosaurs would attack the Stegosaurus?
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Stegosaurus, Triceratops, and

Brachiosaurus

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Allosaurus

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