

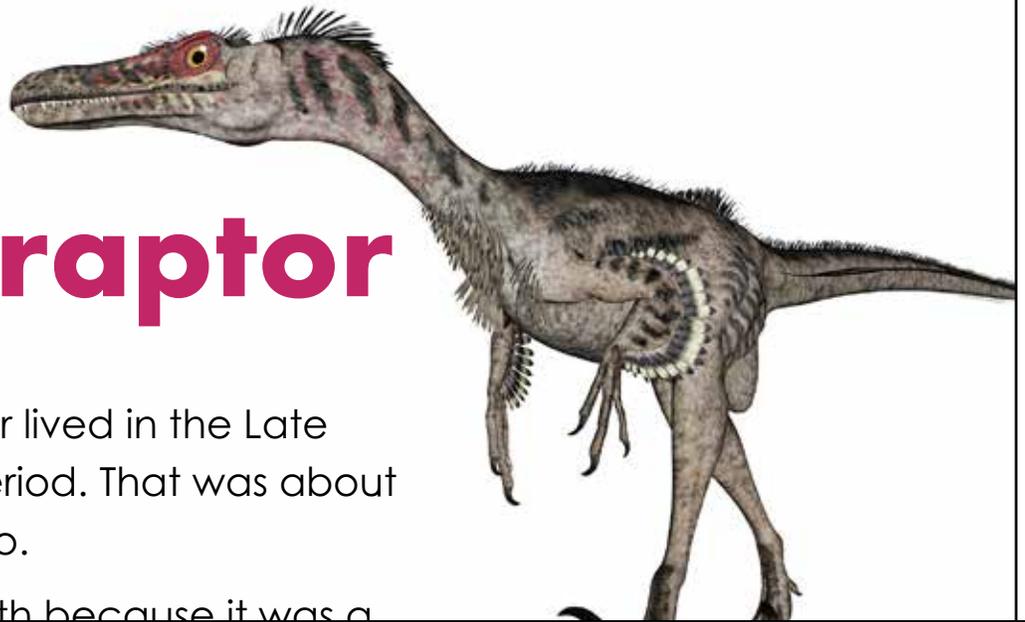
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**T**he Velociraptor lived in the Late Cretaceous period. That was about 75 million years ago.

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claws were smaller.

The Velociraptor had a big brain for its size. It was one of the smartest dinosaurs.

Velociraptor may have hunted in groups. It also probably ate animals killed and left behind by larger dinosaurs.

Scientists used to think Velociraptors were covered with scales, like a lizard. Today, most scientists think Velociraptors had feathers instead.

The Velociraptor ran fast on its two hind legs. It had a stiff tail that gave it balance when it ran. Even though it had feathers like a bird, it could not fly.

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