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Stegosaurus

By Guy Belleranti

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

Stegosaurus ate plants, just like Apatosaurus and Brachiosaurus. But the Stegosaurus was much smaller than those two dinosaurs. Some stegosauruses grew to be 30 feet (9 meters) long.



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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.

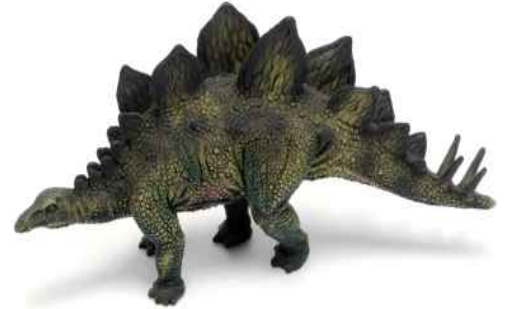
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2. The Stegosaurus lived during the _____ period.

3.



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- c. the plates on its back
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1. sections • • red liquid in an animal

2. hollow • • shape with three sides

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