

Project A: Pick-a-saurus

For the classroom or at home:

I Work individually or in pairs. Pick one prehistoric animal from the list below and research it carefully.

Prehistoric animals:

- Allosaurus
- Giganotosaurus
- Pentaceratops
- Utahraptor
- Plesiosaur
- Flesiosaul
- Bambiraptor or bambi
- Brachiosaurus
- Megalosaurus
- Stegosaurus
- Spinosaurus
- Ichthyosaur
- Chasmosaurus
- Ouranosaurus
- Triceratops
- Pterodactyl
- Archelon

- Labrosaurus
- Tylosaurus
- Yaleosaurus
- Giraffatitan
- Geosaurus

Make sure to get the following details:

Its name - What the name means - Where it lived - What the animal looked like - The period when it lived - What it ate - What the Earth was like then - How big it was

- II) Make a poster of your animal. Draw a picture of it or print one from the internet. Write a paragraph about it using the information you found. If you are working in pairs, one of you may do the picture and the other may write the paragraph if you wish.
- (III) Model:

Stegosaurus

The name means Covered Lizard or Roof lizard.



The stegosaurus was 8-9 m long, about 2.75 m tall, and weighed about 3100 kg. Its brain was the size of a walnut. It had a long pointed narrow skull; it had a toothless beak and small teeth in its cheek. It carried its head close to the ground. It had 17 bony plates along its back and tail in two rows. Stegosaurus lived in the late Jurassic Period, 156-140 million years ago. It ate only plants like ferns and moss. It lived in western North America where the climate was warm and wet.

(IV) Name that monster!

In Chapter Six, Professor Challenger and Professor Summerlee could not decide what kind of animal killed the iguanodons. Do you have any ideas? Draw a picture of the way you think the monster looked. Can you find a prehistoric animal that looks anything like it? Try giving it a name!