

WHEN DID DINOSAURS EXIST?



Dinosaurs roamed the Earth between 252 and 65 million years ago. This **era** (or time in history) is known as the 'age of the reptiles'.

Historians map history in the order that things happened and we can see on the timeline below, just how long ago dinosaurs lived on earth.

This is today. The year that we are living in now.

You are in Year One and you were born either 5 or 6 years ago.



1.3 to 1.8 million years ago the first human beings lived on earth

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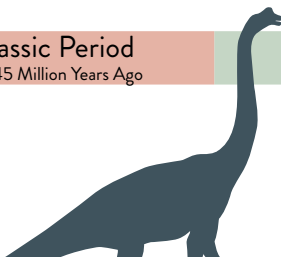
Prehistory is the period before people started writing down history

This period of history is called the **Mesozoic Era** or the **Age of Reptiles**

Triassic Period
252-201 Million Years Ago

Jurassic Period
201-145 Million Years Ago

Cretaceous Period
146-66 Million Years Ago



Palaeontologists



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There are no dinosaurs alive on Earth today, and they lived during a time when written records were not made. So how do we know so much about them?

Palaeontologists are special scientists who dig under the Earth's surface to look for clues about what life was like millions of years ago

Fossils are the bones, remains or traces of animals and plants that lived a long time ago.



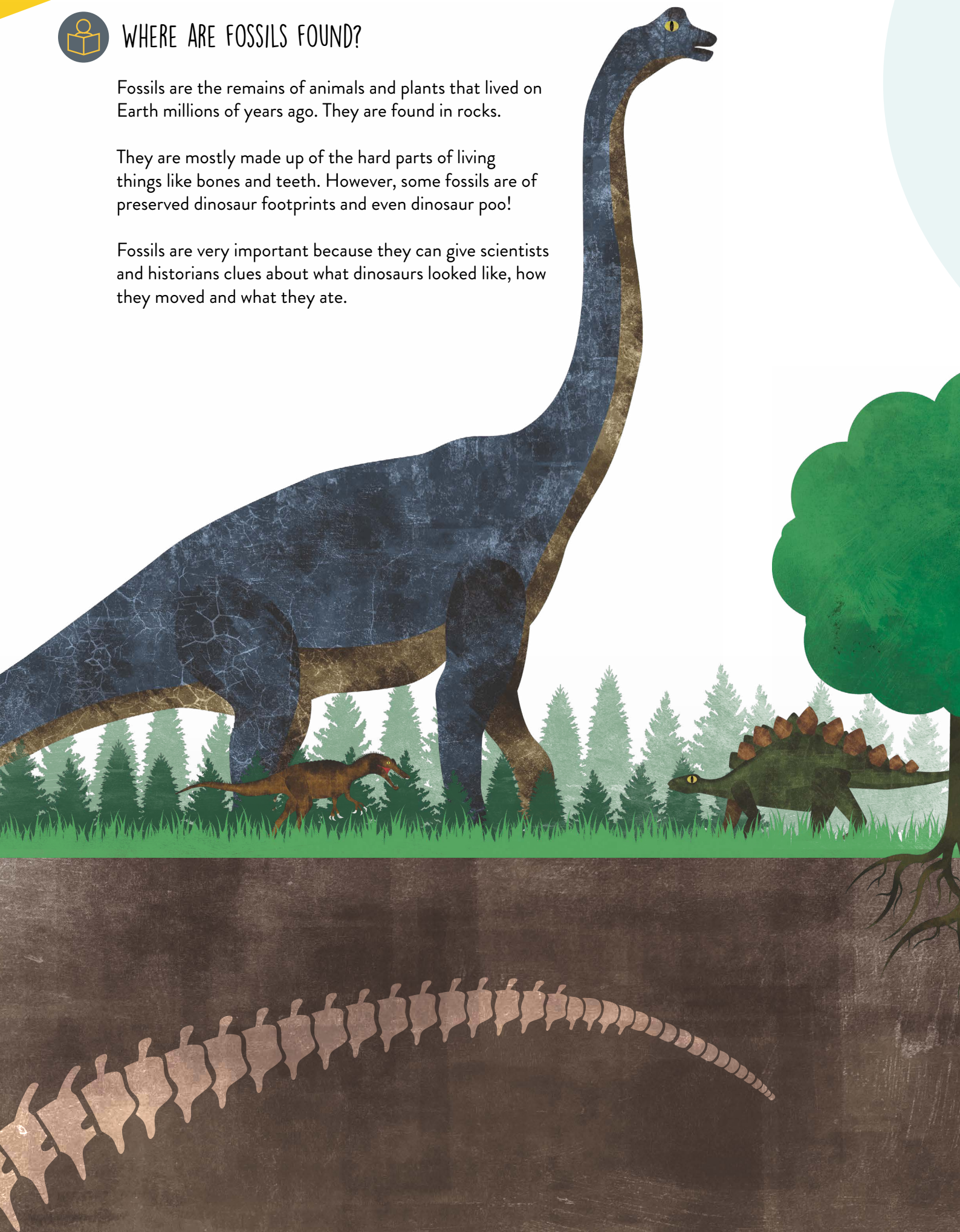


WHERE ARE FOSSILS FOUND?

Fossils are the remains of animals and plants that lived on Earth millions of years ago. They are found in rocks.

They are mostly made up of the hard parts of living things like bones and teeth. However, some fossils are of preserved dinosaur footprints and even dinosaur poo!

Fossils are very important because they can give scientists and historians clues about what dinosaurs looked like, how they moved and what they ate.





HOW FOSSILS ARE FORMED

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