

# THE AGE OF DINOSAURS

Mesozoic Era Timeline

## **Triassic Period** *252 - 201 MYA*

The dawn of the dinosaurs and the rise of the first mammals.

[Illustration: Coelophysis]

**Coelophysis** Small, agile carnivore

[Illustration: Herrerasaurus]

**Herrerasaurus** Early bipedal predator

## **Jurassic Period** *201 - 145 MYA*

The golden age of giant sauropods and armored dinosaurs.

[Illustration: Brachiosaurus]

**Brachiosaurus** Towering herbivore

[Illustration: Stegosaurus]

**Stegosaurus** Plated back defense

[Illustration: Allosaurus]

**Allosaurus** Apex predator of the North

## **Cretaceous Period** *145 - 66 MYA*

The peak of dinosaur diversity before the mass extinction.

[Illustration: Tyrannosaurus Rex]

**Tyrannosaurus Rex** "King of the Dinosaurs"

[Illustration: Triceratops]

**Triceratops** Three-horned herbivore

[Illustration: Velociraptor]

**Velociraptor** Feathered pack hunter

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