Getting Started Text

# Page 1 - Welcome

These huge dinosaurs lived millions of years apart. However, they had many similarities. This lesson will compare them to find out just how similar they were.

Gnarly mohawk, dude...

This guy has horns on his HEAD!

# Page 2 - Overview

A long time ago...

Stegosaurus lived 155-150 million years ago, and coexisted with large predatory theropod dinosaurs, such as Allosaurus and Ceratosaurus, so some form of armor appears to have been necessary.

Fossil records show that the most popular names for Stegosaurses were Leslie and Nigel.

Triceratops lived 68-66 million years ago and possessed a sturdy build, with strong limbs, short hands with three hooves each with, and short feet with four hooves each.

Triceratops particularly enjoyed broad leafed ferns, grasses, and mocha gelato.

# Page 3 - Comparison

## Stegosaurus

These were a large, heavily built, herbivorous quadrupeds with rounded backs, short fore limbs, long hind limbs, and tails held high in the air. Due to their distinctive combination of broad, upright plates and tail tipped with spikes, Stegosaurus is one of the most recognizable kinds of dinosaur.

The function of this array of plates and spikes has been the subject of much speculation among scientists. Today, it is generally agreed that their spikes were awesome.

## Triceratops

The functions of the frills and three distinctive facial horns on its head have long inspired debate. Traditionally, these have been viewed as defensive weapons against predators. More recent theories, noting the presence of blood vessels in the skull bones of ceratopsids, find it more probable that these features were primarily used in identification and courtship. Scientists believe that Triceratops also favored reading poetry and giving flowers as forms of courtship.

## Both

Both Triceratops and Stegosaurus were large quadruped herbivores with prominent bone structures, making them easily identifiable. For both species, it is unknown if the bone structures were primarily for defense or other purposes.

This guy is about to find out.

# Page 4 – Question 1

Which dinosaur came first?

Stegosaurus

Triceratops

They both lived at roughly the same time

Yes, Stegosaurus lived 155 million years ago vs only 68 million for Triceratops!

No, Stegosaurus lived 155 million years ago vs only 68 million for Triceratops!

# Page 5 – Question 2

How many horns did triceratops have?

2

3

15

It wasn't called a 'Bi'ceratops

Yes, that's why they were called 'Tri'ceratops

That's way too many horns. Tri to keep up.

# Page 6 - Results

Congratulations, you're practically a paleontologist!

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# Master

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