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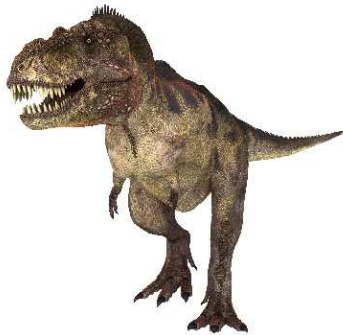


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TYRANNOSAURUS REX



The fearsome Tyrannosaurus rex is one of the most well-known dinosaurs in the world. This species lived at the end of the Cretaceous period, approximately 66 million years ago; in the western part of the United States of America. It was one of the last dinosaurs to become extinct before the mass extinction of dinosaurs that occurred in the Cretaceous Tertiary.

This carnivore had a huge, heavy skull that balanced with its long and heavy tail. It had two large, powerful hind legs that allowed it to stand up, but its front legs were small. It could weigh up to 7 tons and measured up to 12 meters long and 4 meters high to the hips. We know that he walked hunched over, as seen in this illustration of his skeleton.



Despite being very powerful, the Tyrannosaurus rex was not very fast. It is estimated that it could run up to 20 km per hour. Of course, that would be enough to catch us because the average human runs at 10 km per hour and only professional runners reach 40 km per hour.



More than 30 specimens of Tyrannosaurus rex have been identified, some of which are almost complete skeletons. Even with all that is known about this magnificent dinosaur, paleontologists are not sure whether the Tyrannosaurus rex was a hunter or if it fed on carrion.