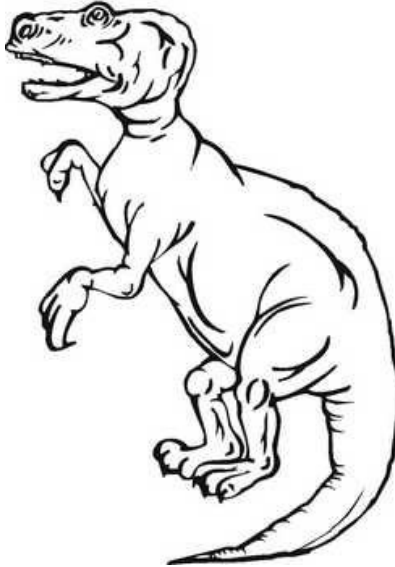


Cretaceous Period – 144 to 65 million years ago

TYRANNOSAURUS REX

(tie-RAN-oh-SAW-rus)



Tyrannosaurus Rex was a huge dinosaur that lived on Earth over 65 million years ago. It weighed up to 7 tons (14,000 pounds)! It was about 20 feet tall and 40 feet long. It was one of the largest **carnivores** (CAR-ni-vors) of its time. Its size made it a deadly hunter. It had a keen sense of smell, which allowed “T-Rex” to smell its **prey** from far away. It also had depth perception. This means that *Tyrannosaurus Rex* could judge distances, which helped catch its prey.

Although *Tyrannosaurus Rex* probably hunted other dinosaurs, there is evidence that it may also have been a scavenger. **Scavengers** eat animals that have already been killed by other animals. Scavenging may have been easier for *Tyrannosaurus Rex* than hunting. Although it was large and powerful, *Tyrannosaurus Rex* had short arms, which would make holding live prey difficult. Its legs were also very heavy, which meant that it was probably slower than many of the smaller animals it would hunt. Whether *Tyrannosaurus Rex* was a hunter or a **scavenger**, one thing is certain: If another dinosaur saw one, it probably just thought one thing... RUN!