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The History of Dinosaurs

Imagine walking alongside a creature that weighs as much as a school bus and stands taller than a two-story building. What if I told you these giants once roamed our planet millions of years ago? Today, I would like to tell you more about dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs aren't just ancient creatures that remind us of the Earth's interesting past. They can also teach us about adapting and surviving. Did you know that dinosaurs were the first group of reptiles to roam the Earth during the Mesozoic era, around 230 million years ago? They lived on our planet for a 160 million years!

You may have seen dinosaur documentaries, but they do not show the complete picture. Recent studies have revealed that many dinosaurs had feathers, just like modern birds. In fact, Therapod dinosaurs—which means two-legged dinosaurs—are directly connected to the birds we see today. This means that when you see a bird, you are looking at a direct descendant of dinosaurs! In a way, we are living among dinosaurs even now.

Fossil evidence also suggests that many dinosaurs were social creatures, living in groups just like wolves and hyenas. They worked together to find food, protect each other, and raise their young. Working together was necessary for them to survive in a changing world.

So next time when you see a dinosaur, remember they were more than just giant lizards. They were complex creatures that lived in different environments and formed social bonds. They can teach us about change, survival, and connecting the past with the present. As we learn more about dinosaurs, we can also be reminded of the importance of protecting our planet. Thank you.