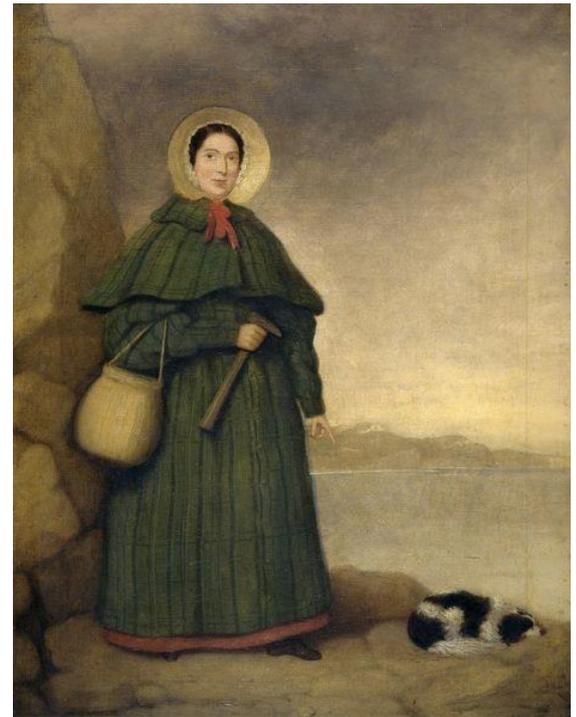


Mary Anning

Born (month) 1799 in the UK

UK stands for?

Mary was one of ten children but only her brother Joseph and herself lived to adulthood
(why do you think this was?)

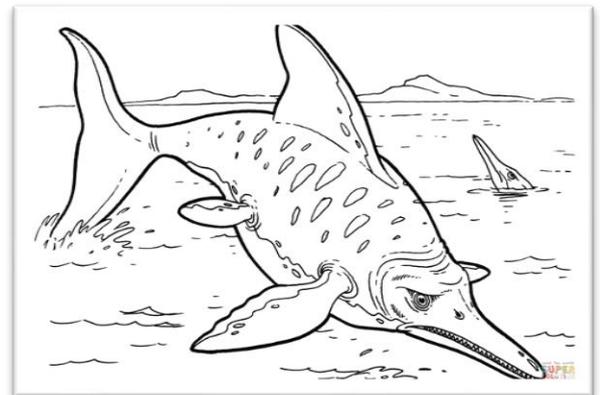


It is said when Mary was a baby in arms, the lady who was holding her was struck by lightning. It's amazing that she survived!

Mary's father supplemented his meagre earning as a cabinet maker by looking for curiosities now known as at the and selling them to holiday makers. This was dangerous as the cliffs along the beach of Lyme Regis would periodically collapse. On one such occasion Mary lost her little dog Trey, when a rock fell off the cliff.

Mary was twelve when she and Joseph uncovered a strange 5.2 metre long skeleton!

Many people including scientist of the time believed it to be a creature from a far off land and more than likely a crocodile. Later they realized it was an ancient species.



It was named Ichthyosaurus – meaning f..... l.....

In 1823 Mary discovered the first ever Plesiosaur

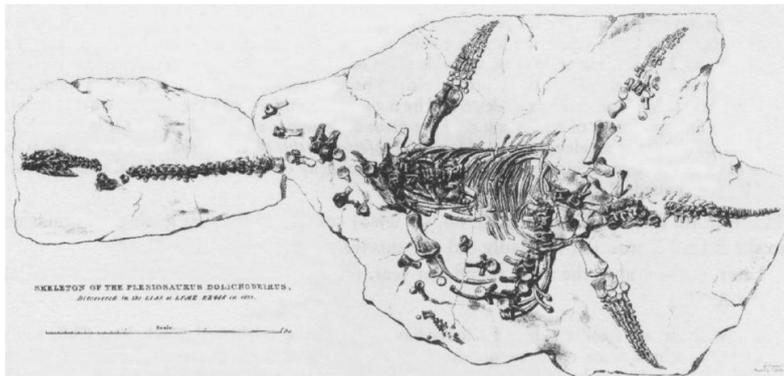
As is often the case when people have not seen anything like it before they consider it Mary would go on to discover many more fascinating animals such as the flying reptile later called Pterodactyl and coprolites.

Coprolites is fossilized Why would Coprolites be important in the research of dinosaurs? Or anything for that matter? Because (what do you think?)

Mary taught herself geology, anatomy, and scientific illustration. Important scientists of the time would go fossil hunting with her and discuss her ideas and theories.

Mary died in How old was she?

Mary wasn't taken seriously in her lifetime. Why do you think that was?



Today Mary is recognized as a pioneer in the field of and is celebrated as the greatest fossil hunter of all time.



What else can you find out about Mary?

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