



Mary Anning was born on 21st May 1799 in Lyme Regis.

Mary's fossil was bought by the London Museum for £25 in 1811. That's more than £4,500 in today's money!

In 1823, Mary found the FULL skeleton of a dinosaur called a plesiosaur. It was an ocean living dinosaur and was very large.

Mary had a bad run of health and died in 1847 at the age of just 47. Today she sits in the top 10 list of women who have influenced the history of science!

Mary Anning and her brother were the first people ever to discover a dinosaur called an Ichthyosaur 1811-1812.

From age 6 Mary used to go to the beach with her dad to find fossils.

Mary Anning's dad suddenly died from tuberculosis in 1810, she was told by her mother to sell her fossils to pay off the family's debts.

Challenge sheet

Mary Anning was almost killed as a baby as the person holding her was struck by lightning and died!

Mary Anning's dog Trey was killed by a collapsing cliff in 1833

In 1839 a local paper accused her of faking her discoveries and said they were hers. This was because of her poor background and her gender.

Mary discovered a *Squaloraja* fish skeleton in 1829. The fish is small in size but has a long thin skull.

It is believed that the 1908 song "she sells seashells on the seashore" is based on Mary Anning (although not confirmed)

Mary Anning took people to the beach on excursions (a short journey or trip) to teach them how to find fossils 1839.