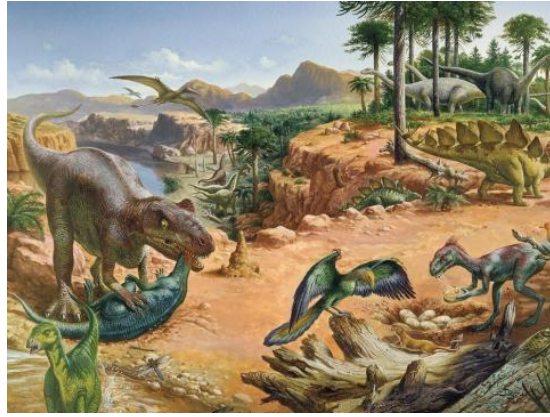


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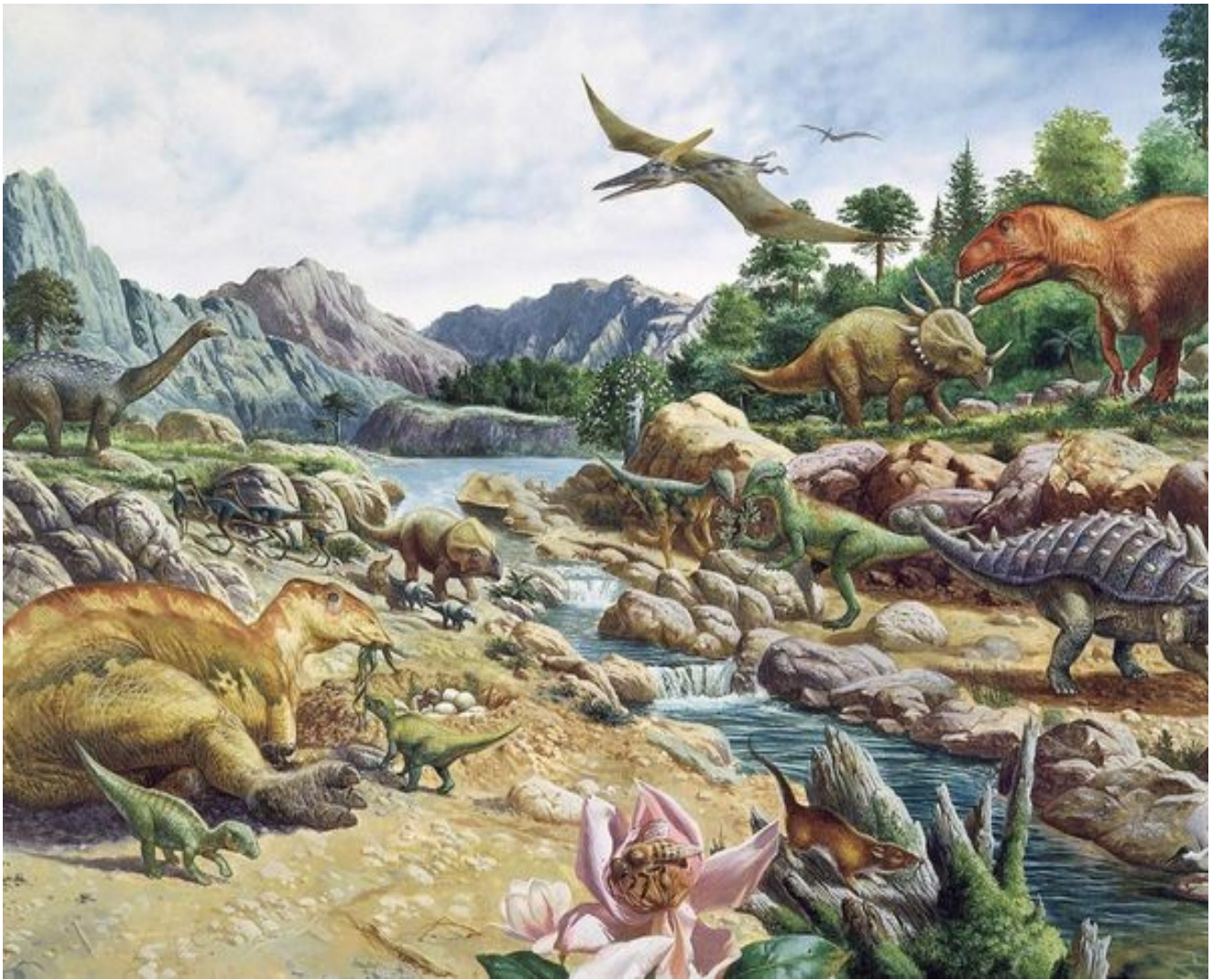
National Geographic describes this [artist's illustration](#) (by Publicphoto/Photo Researchers, Inc.): "The Jurassic period...was characterized by a warm, wet climate that gave rise to lush vegetation and abundant life. Many new dinosaurs emerged—in great numbers. Among them were *stegosaurus*, *brachiosaurs*, *allosaurs* and many others." Click on the image for a great view.

Although "Jurassic" is a commonly used term today (thanks to Michael Crichton's [book](#) and Steven Spielberg's [movie](#)), what does the word "Jurassic" really mean?

"Jurassic" was a [period](#) of time named for the [Jura Mountains](#) which border France and Switzerland - the [place](#) where rocks of this age were [first](#) studied. (This [link](#) depicting the Jura Mountains will permit you to zoom in.)

It was a time, paleontologists believe, BEFORE *Tyrannosaurus rex* (the [biggest](#) predator ever to stalk the American West) and [one](#) of its favored [prey](#), the *Triceratops*. Both species likely lived during the [Cretaceous Period](#).

This artist's conception of Cretaceous life, by Publicphoto/Photo Researchers, Inc., shows *maiasaurs* (front left); *tarbosaurus* (top right) and *pterosaurs* (top center).



In addition:

In the foreground are depicted the first flowering plants and one of the earliest mammal relatives, both of which developed during this period and went on to survive the dinosaur extinction at the end of the Cretaceous. (See National Geographic's description of the image in its [Cretaceous Collection](#).)

What was the world like during the Jurassic Period? What kinds of dinosaurs lived then?
The answers to those questions may surprise you.

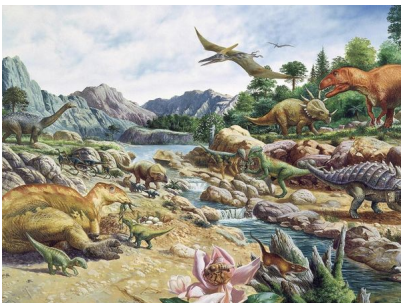
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| | | Oxfordian | 155 mya |
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Jurassic Period Stratigraphy

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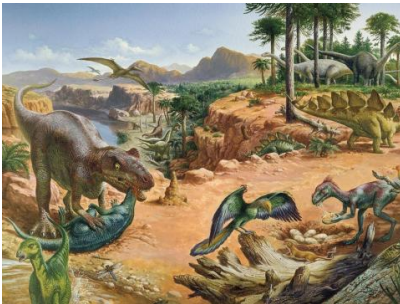


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