The Dinosaur Desk

Answer key

Three horns in the fossil record

Triceratops lived about 68 to 66 million years ago, during the Late Cretaceous. Its fossils have been found in what is now the United States. This plant-eating dinosaur walked on four legs. Its head had three horns and a large frill. Scientists study fossils to learn about animals that lived long before people.

Answers

1. When did Triceratops live?

About 68 to 66 million years ago. The first sentence gives the time range and calls it the Late Cretaceous. See: “Triceratops lived about 68 to 66 million years ago, during the Late Cretaceous.”

2. What did it eat?

Plants. The article calls it a plant-eating dinosaur, so plants were its food. See: “This plant-eating dinosaur walked on four legs.”

3. How many horns did it have?

Three. The sentence about its head says it had three horns and a large frill. See: “Its head had three horns and a large frill.”

Source: Natural History Museum: Triceratops (checked 27 November 2026)
https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dino-directory/triceratops.html