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Meat eating dinosaurs like the _____ (Brachiosaurus/Tyrannosaurus Rex), would often be fast, with sharp teeth and claws. Plant eating dinosaurs like the _____ (Stegosaurus/Velociraptor), often developed spikes, horns or tough skin to protect themselves.

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