



**I**t isn't entirely clear when the first dinosaur fossils and bones were dug up. However, more than two thousand years ago, Chinese scholars wrote about the so-called dragon bones they had found. They haven't been preserved, but many scientists think that those bones may have belonged to dinosaurs.



In 1676, Robert Plot, an English archaeological museum curator, stumbled upon an enormous femur. Because he didn't know of any animal that could grow so big, he first thought it was from an old species of elephant or a giant. One hundred and fifty years later, they discovered the bone probably once belonged to a Megalosaurus dinosaur.

