The history of *Brontosaurus* – one of the greatest stories in paleontology

**Brontosaurus**
- Lived 150 million years ago
- Western United States
- Meaning: Thunder lizard
- Diet: Herbivorous
- Weight: 30.5 tonnes

**Apatosaurus**
- Lived 150 million years ago
- Western United States
- Meaning: Deceptive lizard
- Diet: Herbivorous
- Weight: 41.3 tonnes

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Sites of findings

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**Fossil Findings**

- 1877: *Brontosaurus* discovered
- 1879: *Brontosaurus* named
- 1883: *Apatosaurus* discovered
- 1893: *Apatosaurus* named
- 1903: First proposal of *Brontosaurus* as a separate genus
- 1915: First proposal of *Apatosaurus* as a separate genus
- 1896: *Camarasaurus* head proposed
- 1928: *Diplocerasaurus*-like skull confirmed
- 2015: *Brontosaurus* is back!

**Timeline**

- Cretaceous: 66 million years ago
- Jurassic: 145 million years ago
- Triassic: 201 million years ago

**Extinction and Survival**

- Big dinosaurs extinct (birds survive)
- Apatosaurus and *Brontosaurus* lived

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