Mary Anning

Who was Mary Anning?

Mary Anning was a famous fossil-finder. She was born in 1799 and lived in Lyme Regis in the south of England. Mary would walk along the beaches and cliffs near this town looking for fossils with her brother and father.

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The beaches and cliffs where Mary Anning found her wonderful fossils are now known as the Jurassic Coast.

Mary was an excellent fossil hunter and became well known for her amazing finds. She found the complete fossil of an Ichthyosaurus, the fossil of a Plesiosaur (plee-see-o-sor) and many more.



Mary Anning is still remembered today for her important work as a palaeontologist. There is a special sign on her home and a museum all about her in Lyme Regis.

