



The Big Kahuna!

- Megalodon vanished 2 million years ago, but when cruising the oceans, it was king.
- Megalodon had 46 front row teeth, 24 in the upper jaw and 22 in the lower. Most sharks have at least six rows of teeth, so a Megalodon had about 276 teeth at any given time.
- Megalodon was about 60 feet long with a body mass of about 77 tons.
- Some scientists estimate that Megalodon ate about 2,500 pounds of food every day, including whales and other large fish.
- Megalodon lived throughout most of the ancient world's oceans, from 17 to 2 million years ago.
- Ancient people collected Megalodon teeth and traditional legends feature giant sharks.
- Megalodon may be extinct but it's still with us...starring in books and movies, on stamps and jewelry, and even in cartoons and video games.

Sharks Rule!

- Sharks have been around for more than 400 million years.
- Sharks existed about 200 million years before dinosaurs.
- There are more than 375 species of sharks living today.

Not So Cool Facts

- Humans kill an estimated 100 million sharks, skates and rays every year.
- The life history of most shark species makes it difficult for populations to rebound.
- Shark overfishing has a domino effect in the marine food web.

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