

What's the difference between Allosaurus and Tyrannosaurus?

Allosaurus lived at the end of the Jurassic period, while Tyrannosaurus lived at the end of the Cretaceous period – about 80 million years later. Also, Tyrannosaurus was much thicker and stockier in its build, kind of like an Allosaurus on steroids. Tyrannosaurus massed 5 tonnes on average, while the average Allosaurus was less than 2 tonnes. Tyrannosaurus had thick, strong, banana-sized teeth that were round in cross section. Allosaurus had small, laterally flattened teeth like double-edged knife blades. The easiest way to tell the difference, though, is to count the fingers: Allosaurus had three fingers on each hand. Tyrannosaurus only had two. Of course, if you were being chased by either one, you might not want to take the time to notice such details...

