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Geologic History

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| Era | Life | What Happened? |
| Cenozoic  65 million  years ago  to  present |  | Only small animals survived including mammals and birds.  This is our era. |
| A meteor hit earth and all of the big animals died. | | |
| Mesozoic  251 million  years ago  stto  65 million  years ago |  | The Mesozoic Era  is known as the  Age of the Dinosaurs  Early mammals appeared. |

Pre-Cambrian

Mesozoic Era

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| Paleozoic  542 million  years ago  to  251 million  years ago |  | Animals got more complicated and some crawled out of the oceans at the end of the era.  Trilobites are ancient ancestors of horse  shoe crabs. |
| Pre-Cambrian  4570million  years ago  to  542 million  years ago |  | life began as  simple, single celled organisms in the  ocean. Plants and  animals began to  appear near the end. |

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