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| **Era** | **Life** | **What Happened?** |
| **Cenozoic****65 million years ago****to****present** | **All Modern Life****Humans****Mammals****Fish****Birds** | **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** | **Dinosaurs****Small Mammals****Early Birds** | **The Age of the Dinosaurs****Early mammals appeared.** |
| **Paleozoic**Related image**542 million****years ago****to****251 million****years ago** | **Trilobites****Insects****Fish** | **Animals got more complicated and some crawled out of the oceans at the end of the era.** |
| **Pre-Cambrian****4570million****years ago****to****542 million****years ago** | **simple single celled organisms****early plantsRelated image** | **Life began as simple, single celled organisms in the ocean. Plants and****animals began to****appear near the end.** |