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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.** |