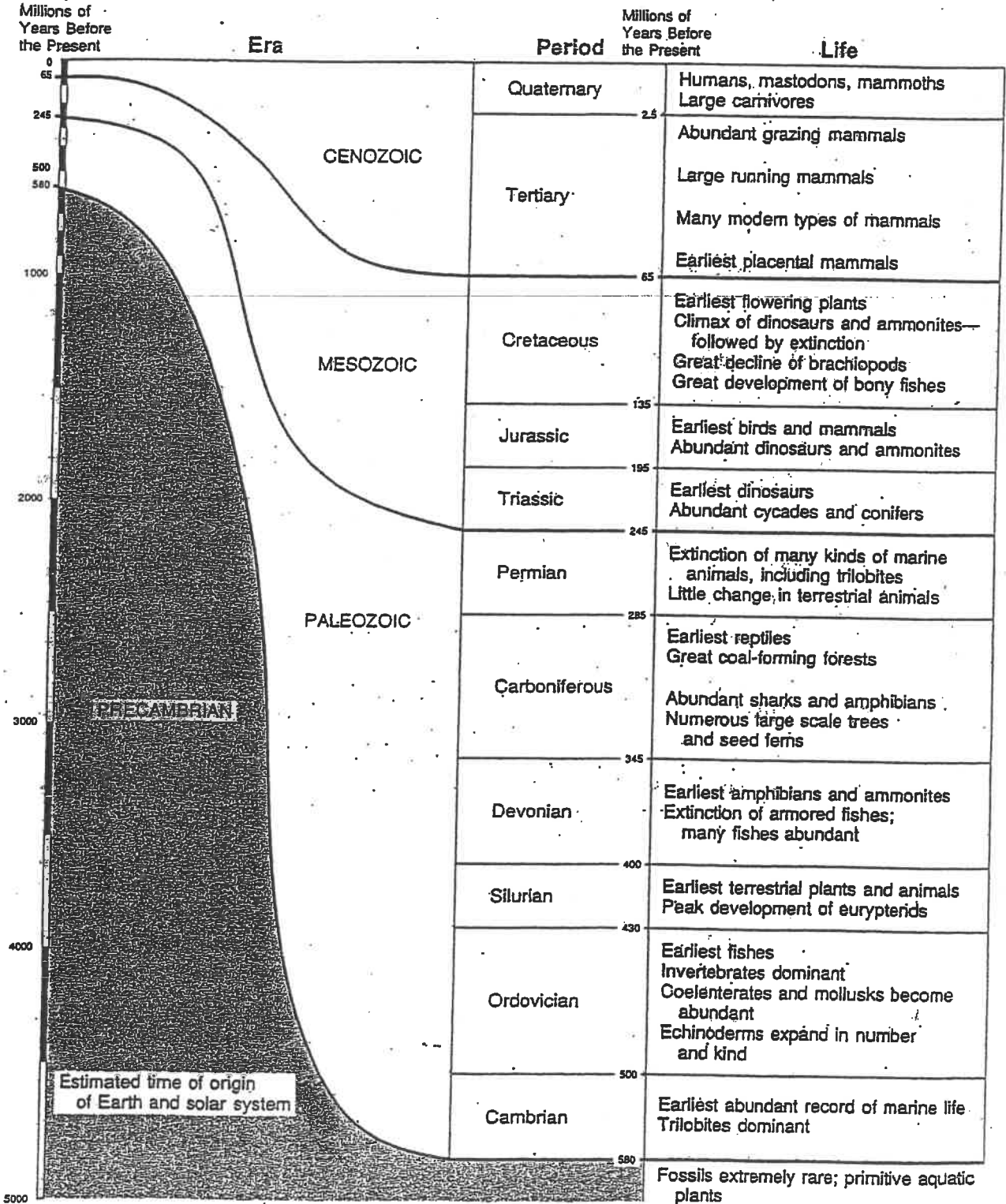


## The Geologic Time Scale

Use the information from the diagram below to answer the accompanying questions.



# Geologic Timescale

Use the following list of Eras/Periods to answer the following questions:

Mesozoic  
Precambrian  
Cenozoic  
Paleozoic

Cretaceous  
Silurian  
Carboniferous  
Quaternary

Devonian  
Jurassic  
Ordovician  
Triassic

\* Some choices may be used more than once, some may not be used at all.

1. This Era is known as the "Age of the Dinosaurs". \_\_\_\_\_

2+3. We humans live in the \_\_\_\_\_ Era and the \_\_\_\_\_ period.

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4. The great coal-forming forests from which we get our fossil fuels today are represented by the \_\_\_\_\_ period.

5. It was during this Era that scientists believe that oxygen was not present in Earth's atmosphere. \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Era that by far took up the greatest amount of time was the \_\_\_\_\_ Era.

7. Flowering plants are not seen in the fossil record until the \_\_\_\_\_ period, which happens to be the same period during which dinosaurs went extinct.

8. If you see a picture of a scene representing the first plants and animals (like a centipede) moving out of water onto land, the picture would be representing the \_\_\_\_\_ period.

9. The period during which the earliest dinosaurs appear in the fossil record is the \_\_\_\_\_ period.

10. The period that is represented by abundant fish and other sea creatures is the \_\_\_\_\_ period.

11. Scientists believe that birds evolved from small dinosaurs during the \_\_\_\_\_ period.