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Era	Period	Epoch	started (millions of years ago)				
Cenozoic 66.4 millions of	Tertiary	Quaternary	Holocene	0.01			
			Pleistocene	1.6			
		Neogene	Pliocene	5.3			
			Miocene			23.7	
			Paleogene	Oligocene	36.6		
				Eocene	57.8		
		Mesozoic 245-66.4 millions of years ago	Cretaceous	Late	Paleocene	66.4	
					97.5		
				Jurassic	Early	144	
Late	163						
Middle	187						
Triassic	Early			208			
	Late			230			
	Middle			240			
Paleozoic 570-245 millions of years ago	Permian			Early	245		
				Late	258		
		Carboniferous	Early	286			
			Pennsylvanian	Late	320		
		Mississippian	Early	360			
			Devonian	Late	374		
		Middle		387			
		Early		408			
		Silurian	Late	421			
			Early	438			
Ordovician	Late		458				
Cambrian	Middle	478					
	Early	505					
	Late	523					
	Middle	540					
Precambrian time 4500-570	4500	Early	570				



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