

Geologic Timescale Encyclopedia Article

Geologic Timescale

The following sections of this BookRags Literature Study Guide is offprint from Gale's For Students Series: Presenting Analysis, Context, and Criticism on Commonly Studied Works: Introduction, Author Biography, Plot Summary, Characters, Themes, Style, Historical Context, Critical Overview, Criticism and Critical Essays, Media Adaptations, Topics for Further Study, Compare & Contrast, What Do I Read Next?, For Further Study, and Sources.

(c)1998-2002; (c)2002 by Gale. Gale is an imprint of The Gale Group, Inc., a division of Thomson Learning, Inc. Gale and Design and Thomson Learning are trademarks used herein under license.

The following sections, if they exist, are offprint from Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction: "Social Concerns", "Thematic Overview", "Techniques", "Literary Precedents", "Key Questions", "Related Titles", "Adaptations", "Related Web Sites". (c)1994-2005, by Walton Beacham.

The following sections, if they exist, are offprint from Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults: "About the Author", "Overview", "Setting", "Literary Qualities", "Social Sensitivity", "Topics for Discussion", "Ideas for Reports and Papers". (c)1994-2005, by Walton Beacham.

All other sections in this Literature Study Guide are owned and copyrighted by BookRags, Inc.

Contents

Geologic Timescale Encyclopedia Article.....	1
Contents.....	2
Geologic Timescale.....	3



Geologic Timescale

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
			Paleocene	66.4
Mesozoic 245-66.4 millions of years ago	Cretaceous	Late		
	Jurassic	Early	144	
		Late	163	
		Middle	187	
	Triassic	Early	208	
		Late	230	
		Middle	240	
	Permian	Early	245	
		Late	258	
Paleozoic 570-245 millions of years ago	Mississippian	Early	286	
		Carboniferous	Pennsylvanian	Late
		Early	360	320
	Devonian	Late	374	
		Middle	387	
	Silurian	Early	408	
		Late	421	
		Early	438	
	Cambrian	Ordovician	Late	458
		Middle	478	
		Early	505	
		Late	523	
Precambrian time 4500-570	4500	Middle	540	
		Early	570	



millions of
years ago