

## MIND MAP

# EVOLUTIONARY TIME SCALE

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## MAJOR EVENTS IN THE EVOLUTIONARY TIME SCALE

| EON             | ERA       | PERIOD        |           | EPOCH         | ΜΥΑ       | MAJOR BIOLOGICAL EVENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PHANEROZOIC     |           | QUATERNARY    |           | HOLOCENE      | 0.01      | Civilization and agriculture flourished. Large mammals have become extinct in the northern hemisphere.                                                                                                                                           |
|                 | CENOZOIC  |               |           | PLEISTOCENE   | 1.8       | The first modern humans appear. Rapid changes in biological communities are caused by four main glaciations.                                                                                                                                     |
|                 |           | TERTIARY      | NEOGENE   | PLIOCENE      | 5         | Extensive flowering plant and mammalian radiation. Hominids make their first appearance.                                                                                                                                                         |
|                 |           |               |           | MIOCENE       | 23        | Insects and floral plants have coevolved. Dogs and bears make an appearance.                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                 |           |               | PALEOGENE | OLIGOCENE     | 38        | Tropical rainforests can be found all over the world. Pigs, cats, and rhinos all make an appearance. Snails and bivalves dominate the waters.                                                                                                    |
|                 |           |               |           | EOCENE        | 54        | There were a lot of early mammals. Rodents, primitive whales, and grasses are among the creatures that appear                                                                                                                                    |
|                 |           |               |           | PALEOCENE     | 65        | Early placental mammals appear; first primates; modern birds.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                 | MESOZOIC  | CRETACEC      | DUS       |               | 146       | There are marsupials, ants, bees, butterflies, and flowering plants. Most huge animals and numerous plants have gone extinct in large numbers.                                                                                                   |
|                 | JURASSIC  |               |           |               | 208       | The land is dominated by dinosaurs and gymnosperms, with the appearance of feathered dinosaurs and birds. Marine reptiles are exposed to radiation.                                                                                              |
|                 |           | TRIASSIC      |           |               | 245       | Origin of mammals, dinosaurs and true flies. Less diverse marine fauna.                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                 | DALEOZOIC | PERMIAN       |           |               | 286       | Amphibians and gymnosperms are the most common. Stoneflies and beetles appear. 95 percent of marine species and half of all animal families have gone extinct.                                                                                   |
|                 |           | CARBONIFEROUS |           | PENNSYLVANIAN | 325       | Reptiles, cockroaches, and mayflies are the first to appear. Coal swamp forests abound. Sponge reefs are a type of sponge reef.                                                                                                                  |
|                 |           |               |           | MISSIPPIAN    | 360       | Oceans are dominated by echinoderms and bryozoans. Insects with early wings. Then there were the coal swamp forests.                                                                                                                             |
|                 |           | DEVONIAN      |           |               | 410       | Then there were the amphibians. Fish and land plants have been exposed to a lot of radiation. Many corals, brachiopods, and echinoderms can be found here.                                                                                       |
|                 |           | SILURIAN      |           |               | 440       | First spiders, scorpions, centipedes, early insects, vascular plants, jawed fish and large reefs appear.                                                                                                                                         |
|                 |           | ORDOVICIAN    |           |               | 505       | Land plants, primitive fungus, and sea weed are the first to appear. Corals, mollusks, bivalves, echinoderms, and other marine creatures.                                                                                                        |
|                 |           | CAMBRIAN      |           |               | 543       | All major animal groups are on the rise. There is a lot of metazoan life, and trilobites are the most common. The very first fish. There is no evidence of life on Earth.                                                                        |
| PROTEROZOIC EON |           |               |           |               | 570       | Multicelled organisms arose from a single cell. Sponge, colonial algae, and soft-bodied invertebrates were the first to appear.                                                                                                                  |
| ARCHEAN EON     |           |               |           |               | 2500      | Photosynthetic organisms cause oxygen levels to rise.<br>1.4 billion years ago, the first eukaryotes (single-celled algae) appeared.<br>Anaerobic prokaryotes (bacteria, archaeans) are the oldest forms of life, dating back 3.5 billion years. |
| HADEAN EON      |           |               |           |               | 2800-4600 | There is no evidence of a life. The Earth's crust is cooling and solidifying.                                                                                                                                                                    |



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