

Prehistoric Timeline

Paleozoic Era

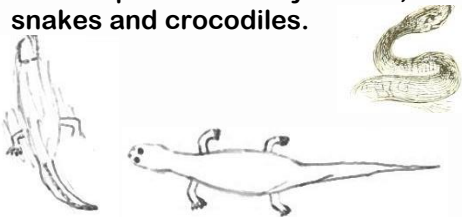
570-245 Million Years Ago



Ammonites and Trilobites
Early forms of sea life.

No land animals or plants until later in this era.

- Eventually, the first fish with jaws.
- Short plants and trees grow on land.
- First amphibians: early lizards, snakes and crocodiles.



At the end of this era there was massive flooding, volcanic eruptions, choking gases and lack of oxygen.

- Trilobites become extinct.
- Trees die.
- 75-95% of marine and land life becomes extinct.

Mesozoic Era

150-65 Million Years Ago

"Age of Reptiles"

Turtles, lizards and new kinds of crocodiles.



- First dinosaurs!
- First birds - Jurassic Period. (Archaeopteryx).



Dinosaurs get BIGGER!

Later on, some dinosaurs start to die out. Only the strongest with the toughest armored plates survive (Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus).

- First flowering plants.
- First flying reptiles and modern sharks.



- Mosasaurs – large predatory sea lizards.

Mass Extinction

Dinosaurs, marine reptiles and all ammonites vanish!



VOLCANOES

METEORS



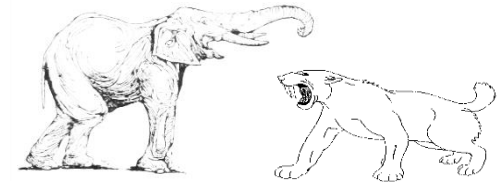
FLOODING

Cenozoic Era

65 Million Years Ago to the Present

"Ice Age"

The earth cools off.



New land, marine and flying animals:

- Whales
- Mastadons
- Saber-toothed cats
- Giant rhinoceros

The earth's land masses move, collide and connect to form the continents we know today.

Age of mammals, herbs and flowering plants.

Many types of fish live in the oceans and lakes but then become extinct because of algae poisoning or other mysterious events.

