

# GEOLOGIC TIME SCALE

EON ERA		PERIOD	EPOCH	Present		
<b>Phanerozoic</b>	<b>Cenozoic</b>	Quaternary	Holocene	0.01		
			Pleistocene	1.6		
		Tertiary	Neogene	Pliocene	5.3	
				Miocene	23.7	
			Paleogene	Oligocene	36.6	
		Eocene		57.8		
		Paleocene		66.4		
		<b>Mesozoic</b>	Cretaceous			144
			Jurassic			208
	Triassic			245		
	<b>Paleozoic</b>	Carboniferous	Permian		286	
			Pennsylvanian		320	
			Mississippian		360	
		Devonian			408	
		Silurian			438	
		Ordovician			505	
		Cambrian			570	
		<b>Precambrian</b>	<b>Proterozoic</b>			2500
<b>Archean</b>				3800		
<b>Hadean</b>				4550		

AGE IN MILLIONS OF YEARS BEFORE PRESENT

(From Decade of North American Geology, 1983)