**History of Life on Earth**

**Why Its Important :**

Learning about the history of life gives us a basis for studying and understanding the theory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 | * Radiometric Dating
* Radioisotopes
* Half-life
* Microsphere
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Review: What is a scientific theory?

**The age of earth**

* Scientists estimate that the earth formed approximately 4.5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago
	+ *Other texts say \_\_\_\_\_\_ billion years ago*
* When it first formed, it was probably a fiery ball of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rock.
* Eventually, scientists hypothesize that the planet’s surface \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enough to form a rocky crust
* Many volcanoes may have released gases that helped to form earth’s early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Water vapor in the atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leading to millions of years of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* This rain collected to form vast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is water vapor?
	+ What is it’s chemical formula?
	+ Will physical changes like evaporation, condensation, or freezing change this chemical formula?
* So the oxygen in water vapor is not considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oxygen (O2) until a chemical reaction splits water
	+ We have studied this before….
		- during \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, water is split to release oxygen in a process called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* So if early earth was very hot and contained no life forms, is it likely that oxygen gas (O2) was present?

**Measuring Earths Age**

* Scientists have estimated the age of Earth using a technique called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dating.
	+ A process that determines the age of an object by measuring its content of certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ isotopes.
		- Also called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* A radioisotope has an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nucleus that breaks down or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and give off energy in the form of charged particles or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* As the radioisotopes decay, they turn into other isotopes that are more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Tracking the presence of radioisotopes is helpful for aging layers of rock, \_\_\_\_\_\_ cores, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Example*
	+ Certain rocks contain traces of the radioisotope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		- Over time, it decays into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The time it takes for one-half of a given amount of a radioisotope to decay is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
	+ The half-life of potassium-40 is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

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| **How much potassium - 40 is left after 1 half life?****How much potassium-40 is left after 2 half lives?****If only 1/8 of potassium-40 is remaining, how old is the rock?** | Untitled-1 copy |

* The half-life of carbon-14 is 5,730 years…if 1/16 of carbon-14 is present, how many half-lives have occurred?
* How long did this take?
* The oldest rocks found and dated are \_\_\_\_\_\_ billion years old
* Why is it impossible to date rocks from the earliest history of the planet?
	+ The rocks were too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Rocks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away
* Another dating method called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dating compares the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of rock layers to determine a relative age.
	+ Since sediment layers build on top of each other, younger layers should be found at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while older layers should be found at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Most scientists think that life originated in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* While scientists have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been able to determine how life originated, they have done many studies focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needed to support life

**Formation of the Basic Chemicals of Life**

* It is thought that the path to the development of living things began when the molecules of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ matter reacted chemically to produce many different, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organic molecules
* What element must organic molecules contain?
* Next these simple organic molecules went through further reactions to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organic molecules
* What are the four types of complex organic molecules that are essential for life?
* There are two models explaining how these organic molecules ended up in the oceans…
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory

**Primordial Soup Model**

* Suggested in the 1920s by the Russian scientist Alexander \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the British scientist John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Basically, they thought that energy from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and earth’s own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ triggered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gases to go through chemical reactions, forming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ molecules
	+ These organic molecules were then washed into the oceans by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Oparin and Haldane thought this scenario was similar to how a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is filled by many vegetables and meats
* At the time, scientists also proposed that earth’s atmosphere lacked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but was rich in other gases such as…
	+ Nitrogen gas \_\_\_\_\_
	+ Hydrogen gas \_\_\_\_\_
	+ Water vapor \_\_\_\_\_
	+ Ammonia \_\_\_\_
	+ Methane \_\_\_\_\_

**Miller Urey Experiment**

* In 1953, the primordial soup model was tested by Stanley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Harold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* In the laboratory, they tried to recreate the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on early earth to see if organic molecules would form

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| http://www.biology.iupui.edu/biocourses/N100/images/19millerurey.jpg | 1. Heated water to recreate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ temps. and form water \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Added \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gases
3. Added \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sparks to simulate lightning
4. Condensed steam to form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Tested the solution and it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organic molecules!
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**Recent discoveries have caused scientists to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Miller-Urey experiment**

* The mixture of gases used in Miller’s experiment could not have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on early Earth.
* Four billion years ago, Earth did not have a protective layer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gas, which consists of \_\_\_\_\_.
* Without ozone, ultraviolet radiation would have destroyed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, preventing the production of organic molecules

**Precursors of 1st Cells**

* Most scientists accept that under certain conditions, the basic molecules of life could have formed spontaneously through simple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ The formation of organic molecules is sometimes called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evolution
* Interestingly enough, scientists have also been able to make short chains of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form spontaneously in water
* What do we know about RNA?
* In the 1980s, Thomas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Sidney \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hypothesized that RNA was the first self \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ molecule rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_
* This is supported by the fact that some viruses contain only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is actually used to create DNA in a host cell….this is done by a process called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ transcription
* Experiments have also shown that organic molecules tend to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together in water, forming droplets that look like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ For example, when a lipid, like oil, is added to water, what does the oil do?
* Similar experiments have shown that short chains of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gather in water to form droplets called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Microspheres resemble cells and can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they are not actual cells
	+ Sometimes they are called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were discovered by Sidney \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1992.
	+ Some scientists think that protocells may have evolved into real cells, but there is \_\_\_\_ scientific data to support this…
	+ But still, scientists hypothesize that if protocells acquired \_\_\_\_\_\_, they could pass on characteristics to new protocells
* So if protocells really did evolve into actual cells, which theory does this align with?
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**The Evolution of Cellular life**

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* **Identify** the first multicellular organisms to live on land.
* **Name** the first animals to live on land.
* **List** the first vertebrates to leave the oceans
 | FossilCyanobacteriaEubacteriaArchaebacteriaEndosymbiosisProtistExtinctionMass Extinction | MycorrhizaeMutualismArthropodvertebrateContinental drift |

When did the 1st Organisms form?

* To find out, scientists study \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ which may be…
		- preserved or mineralized remains of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		- an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an organism that lived long ago.
* Based on the types of fossils present in earth’s rock layers, scientists have created a timeline of earth’s history, called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time scale

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| * The time scale is made up of four main divisions called…
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ era
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* These eras are further subdivided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of organisms living during that time

**The Precambrian*** First and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ division
* Comprises \_\_\_\_\_% of earth’s history
* Scientists have discovered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fossils of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from this time
* The first prokaryotes were probably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that ate the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ molecules in the “primordial soup”
* When this food source began running out, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bacteria may have evolved next
	+ What can autotrophs do?
* The first autotrophs were probably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, meaning that they made food while using the energy stored in chemical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Chemosynthetic prokaryotes may have been similar to modern day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which can survive in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ environments like hot springs and deep sea \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Another group of bacteria, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ live in more common environments
	+ Scientists have hypothesized that these two groups of prokaryotes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ early
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* Approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ billion years ago, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ autotrophs evolved
	+ For example, scientists have found fossils of marine cyanobacteria (blue green) in mounds called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What gas do photosynthetic organisms release into the atmosphere?
	+ This would allow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cells to exist and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ layer, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to form

**The Evolution of Eukaryotes**

* About \_\_\_\_\_ billion years ago, the first eukaryotes appeared.
* A eukaryotic cell is much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a prokaryote is, has a complex system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ membranes, and its DNA is enclosed within a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Almost all eukaryotic cells have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while eukaryotic plant cells have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* So how did eukaryotic cells acquire all of these extra organelles?
	+ Scientists hypothesize that ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ began working together in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationships, and eventually became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon one another
* For example, a large prokaryote may have ingested a smaller \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prokaryote that started acting as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* They also may have ingested photosynthetic bacteria, which started acting as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* This idea is called the theory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was proposed by Lynn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 1960s
	+ “Endo” means \_\_\_\_\_\_ and refers to smaller prokaryotes moving into larger ones



**Endosymbiosis**

The following four observations support the theory of endosymbiosis

**1.** Mitochondria are about the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as most eubacteria, and chloroplasts are the same size as some cyanobacteria.

**2.** Mitochondria and chloroplasts have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DNA similar to the DNA found in bacteria.

**3.** Mitochondria and chloroplast both have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that are similar to bacterial ribosomes.

**4.** Like bacteria, chloroplasts and mitochondria \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by simple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This replication takes place \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the cell cycle of the host cell.

**Multicellularity**

* Towards the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Precambrian time, multicellular life evolved
* While the unicellular body plan has been very successful, multicellularity has several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Multicellular organisms contain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cells that can carry out more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ activities
* For example, specialized cells are used to….
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off disease
* Prevent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out
* Find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Multicellular life was first present in Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Most protists are unicellular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but some multicellular organisms, like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are classified as protists

**Paleozoic Era**

* The Paleozoic era began with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ period
* This era is marked by an explosion of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the evolution of many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ As a result the Cambrian period is often called the Cambrian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Many unusual marine organisms lived in the shallow Cambrian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Their fossils have been found in an area of Canada called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shale
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ period followed the Cambrian period…
	+ Many different animals continued to abound in the seas , including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ At the end of this period, the \_\_\_\_\_ of five \_\_\_\_\_\_ extinctions occurred, meaning that a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ number of different species became extinct at the same time
* Mass extinctions are observable in rock layers when fossils \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from one layer to the next
* Scientists speculate that global events and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changes cause mass extinctions
* It is also argued that a sixth mass extinction is occurring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ due to the destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and all of the species that it contains

**The Ozone Layer**

* Earth’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gradually became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

place to live because the ozone layer protects the

 earth from the sun’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rays

* The first multicellular organisms

 to live on land appeared \_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago

* They are thought to have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living together in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ symbiotic relationship. In mutualism, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ species living together benefit
* Early plants and fungi formed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which enabled them to live on the harsh habitat of bare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fungi living on plant roots

Arthropods

* + The first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to successfully invade land from the sea were arthropods
	+ An arthropod is a kind of animal with a hard outer skeleton, called an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ body and paired, jointed \_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ They do not have a backbone so they are classified as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Examples of arthropods are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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	+ Insects were the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals
	+ Allowed them to efficiently search for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sites
	+ Also lead to a partnership between insects and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plants
	+ The first vertebrates to inhabit the land did not come out of the sea until \_\_\_\_\_ million years ago
	+ They were early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- skinned, four-legged animals that today include frogs, toads, and salamanders

Reptiles

* Reptiles evolved after amphibians and are better suited to dry land because their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ skin slows the loss of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Reptiles also have a water-tight \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which can survive on land

**Mesozoic Era**

* Consists of three periods
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ At the beginning of this era, reptiles with complex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and legs positioned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their bodies gave rise to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the same time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evolved

Mammals &Birds

* Birds may have evolved from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinosaurs during or after the Jurassic period.
* After the dinosaurs became extinct, birds and mammals became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vertebrates on land
* After mass extinctions, competition temporarily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, allowing different organisms to survive and evolve
* Both extinctions and continental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ played important roles in evolution



Continental drift is the movement earth’s land masses over Earth’s surface through geologic time

Based on the theory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which states that earth consists of rigid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slowly moving over a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ layer of rock

* At the beginning of the Mesozoic, the continents were grouped together into one super continent called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* By the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Mesozoic, the continents were much closer to their modern positions

**Cenozoic Era**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and shortest era so far
* The modern human species, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 may have appeared as recently as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago

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