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Geological Time Scale: Eons, Eras, Periods, and Epochs

Short Answer

1. Why is the geological time scale broken into parts like eons and eras?

2. What happened during the Phanerozoic eon?

3. Name the four main parts of the geological time scale in order from biggest to smallest.

4. How do scientists know when one time period ends and another begins?

5. What happened at the end of the Mesozoic Era?

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