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Mass Extinctions and Marking Boundaries in Geological Time

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is a mass extinction?
 - A. When many species die out quickly
 - B. When all animals are born at the same time
 - C. When a few animals move to a new place
 - D. When dinosaurs become birds

2. How do scientists know when an extinction happened?
 - A. By watching animals disappear
 - B. By asking zookeepers
 - C. By studying fossils in rock layers
 - D. By looking at maps

3. What event marked the end of the Mesozoic Era?
 - A. The Ice Age
 - B. The dinosaur extinction
 - C. The first tree growing
 - D. The invention of tools

4. Why do scientists divide Earth's history into time periods?
 - A. To make it easier to color maps
 - B. To count the years faster
 - C. To study changes in life over time
 - D. To build museums

5. What often comes after a mass extinction?
 - A. A holiday
 - B. A new kind of weather
 - C. Rocks becoming water
 - D. New types of life appearing

