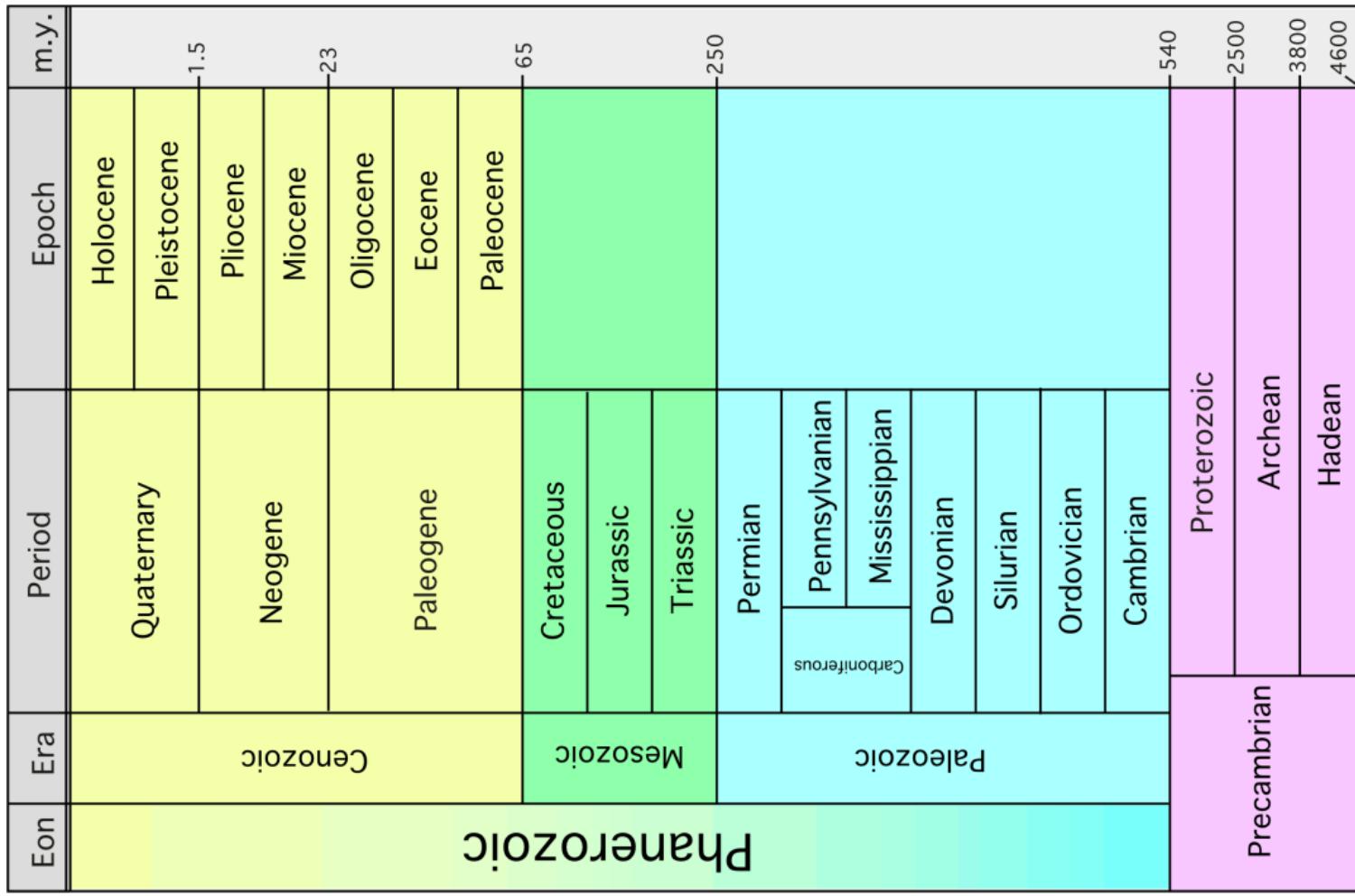


Geologic Time



Geologic Time Eras

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Cenozoic

Mesozoic

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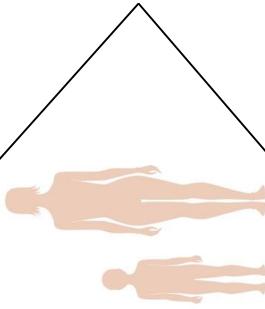
Precambrian

Geologic Time Eras Key

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Cenozoic

- Current era
- Development of large mammals and humans
- Periods of ice ages played a role in the formation of the geological features visible on Earth today



Mesozoic

- Increased complex life forms including dinosaurs, small mammals, birds, conifers and flowering plants
- Rocks in the Petrified Forest in AZ deposited during this time
- Mass extinction at the end of the era



Paleozoic

- Formation of the super-continent Pangaea
- Life developed rapidly including marine plants, invertebrates, fish, ferns, amphibians
- Mass extinction at the end of the era



Proterozoic

- Marks the beginning of Earth at 4.6 b.y.
- Oldest rock fragment found called zircon which is 4.4 b.y. old
- One celled organism, bacteria, jellyfish

