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Activities

Your State's Geologic History

Name: _____ Date: _____

The rocks beneath your feet tell a story that goes back millions of years. In this Planet Diary activity, you'll turn the geologic clock back millions of years to explore your state's geologic history.

Directions

- Begin Exploring Time and Space at the Paleontology Portal. Look at the color-coded map of the country. The map colors show relative ages of surface rocks. The color key on the right shows geologic time periods. Click *Show* below the time graphic to see how many millions of years ago (mya) each period occurred.
- Look at the map colors of the rocks in your state. Compare to the colors on the time scale. Click your state for an enlarged view. In this activity, you'll "dig" through your states rock layers. Click the *Quaternary* (the most recent period) link within your state. View the fossil slide show on the right. Use the information to complete the Quaternary row of the Workspace table.
- "Dig" through the other time periods to complete the table.

Workspace

Time Period	Millions of Years Ago (mya)	Major Geologic Features
Quaternary		
Tertiary		
Cretaceous		
Jurassic		
Triassic		
Permian		
Carboniferous		
Devonian		
Silurian		
Ordovician		
Cambrian		
Precambrian		

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