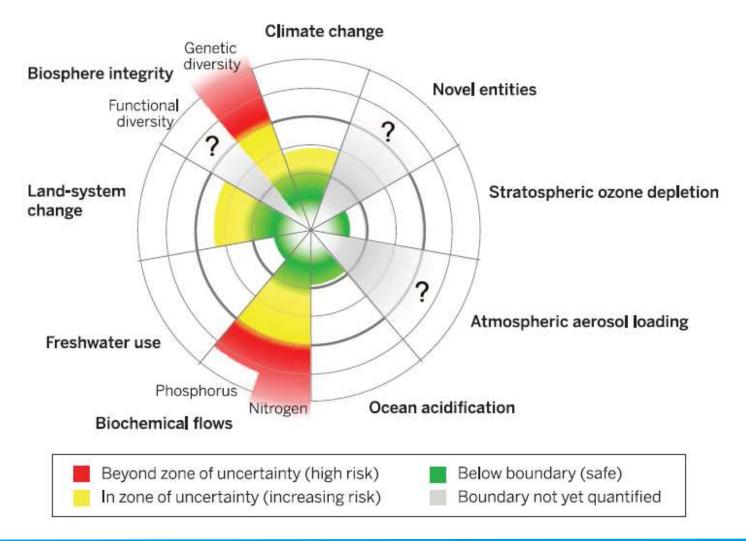




Big History The Sustainability of the Human Species in a Long-Run Perspective

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Concepts

Sustainability

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Stability

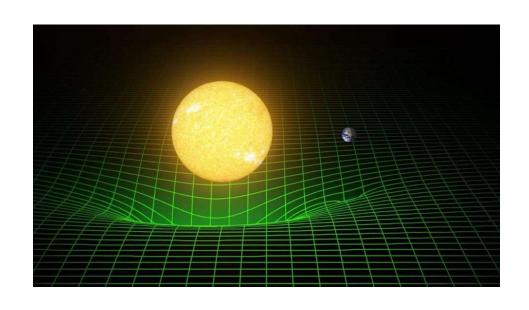
Technology Energy

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Kits of Building Blocks Cycles Mass







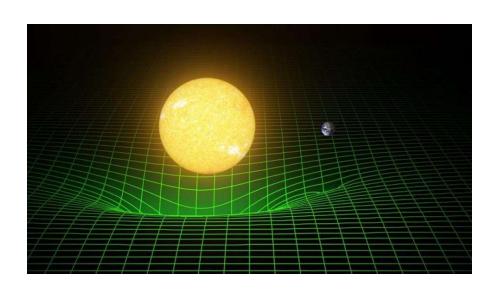
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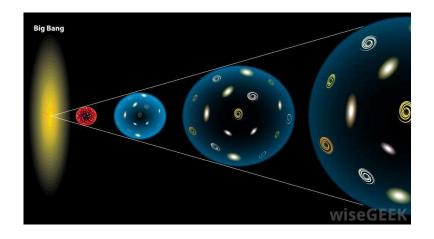
Energy – Mass

$$E = mc^2$$



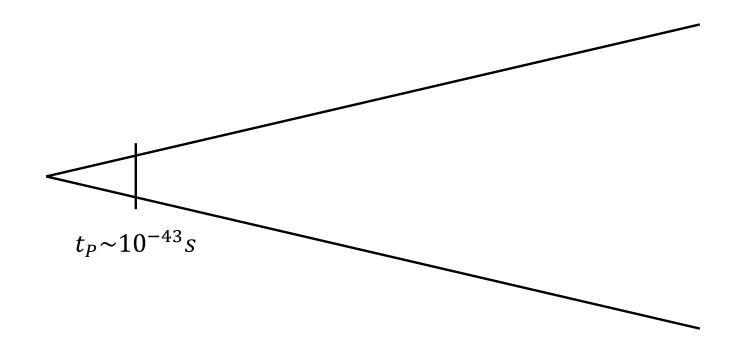






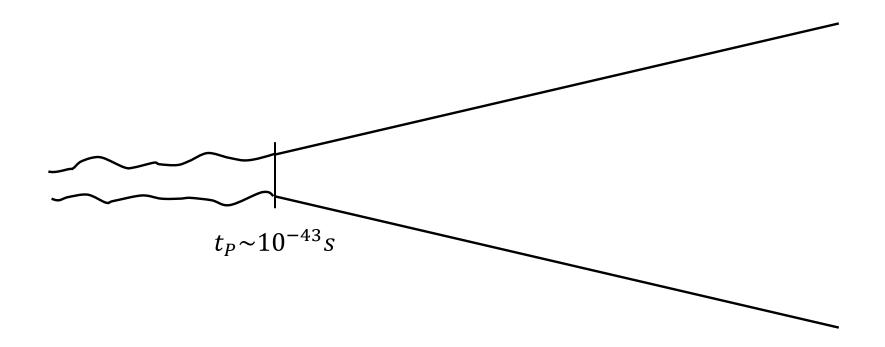






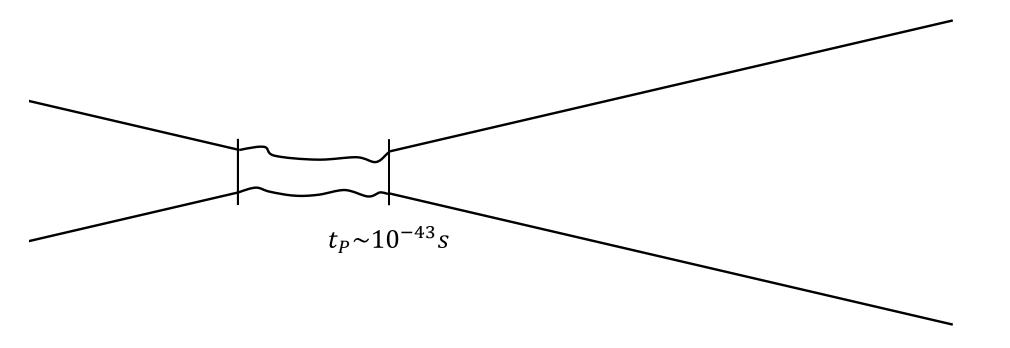






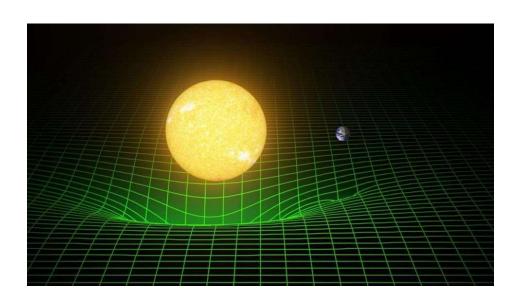




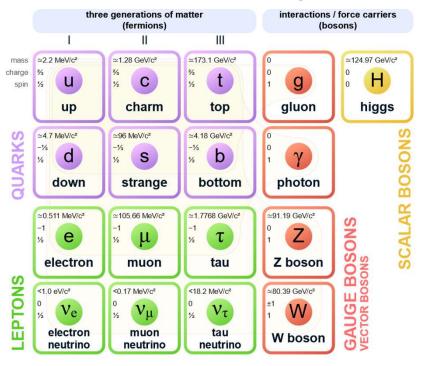








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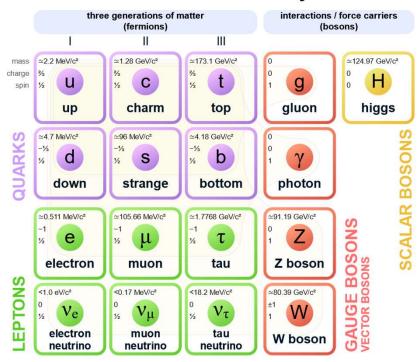






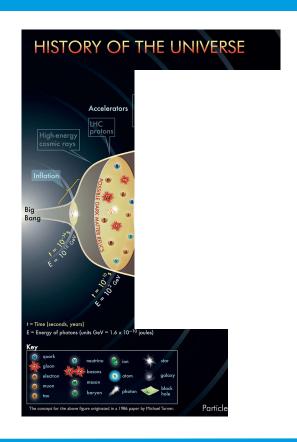
Forces:
Strong
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Weak
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Standard Model of Elementary Particles













Nucleosynthesis

Proton

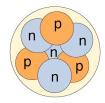
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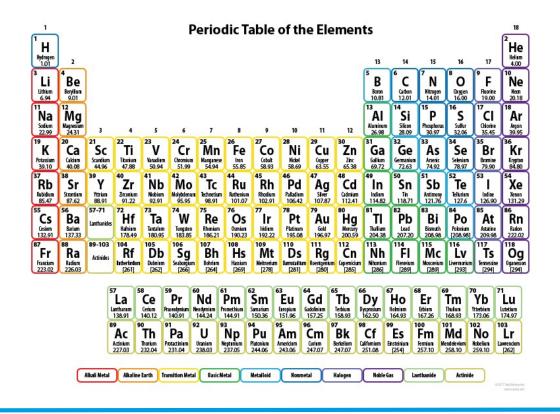
















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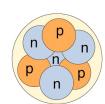
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Periodic Table of the Elements





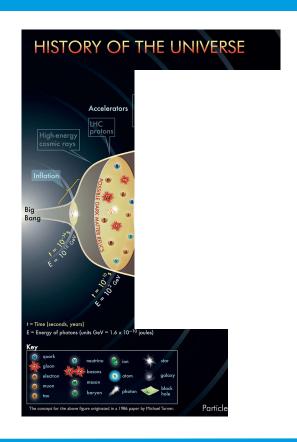


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Photon decoupling

Proton

Neutron





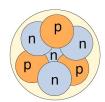


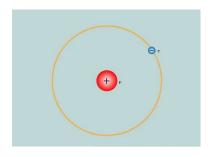


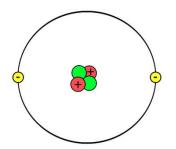
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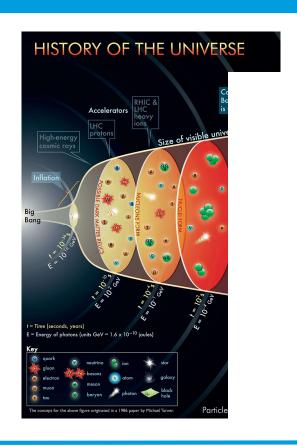


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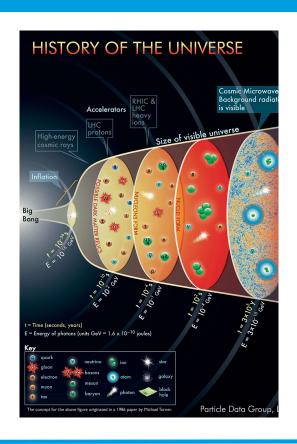




15 mins 380,000 years



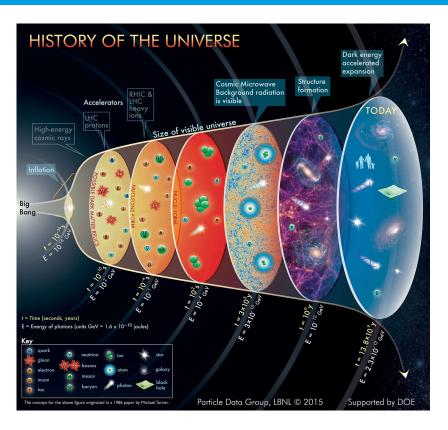


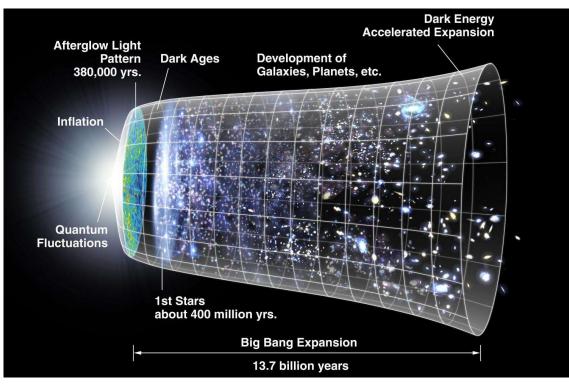


This would be the end of history were it not for Gravitation















January 11th 470 million years





Summary

Big bang

Spacetime

Particles

Nucleons

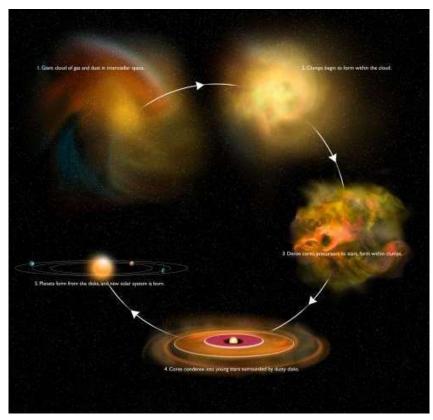
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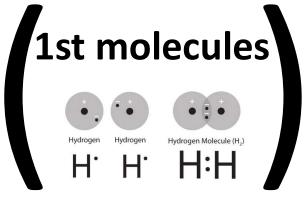
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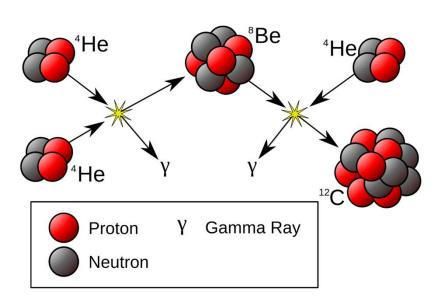


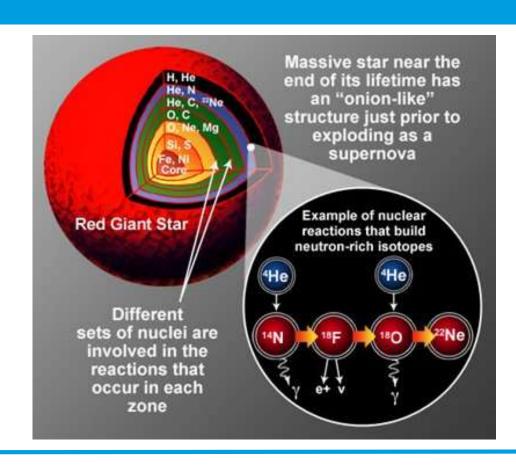






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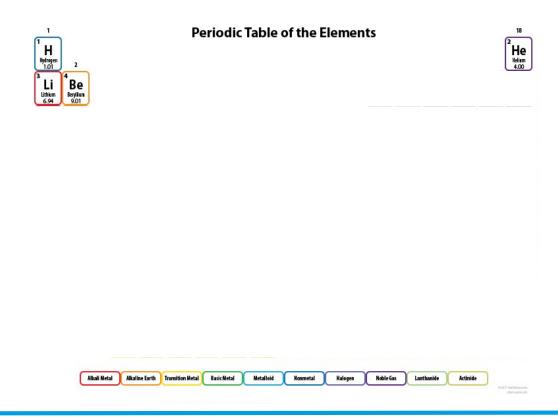








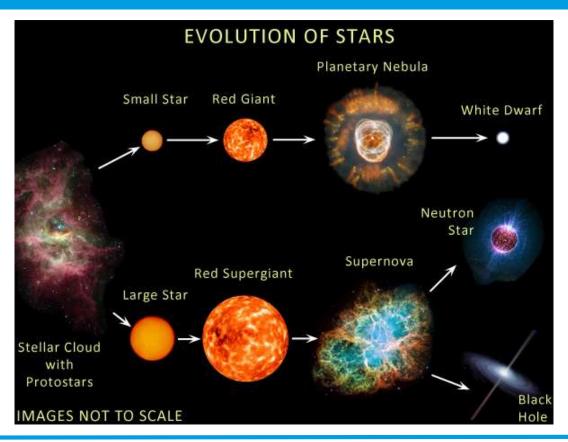
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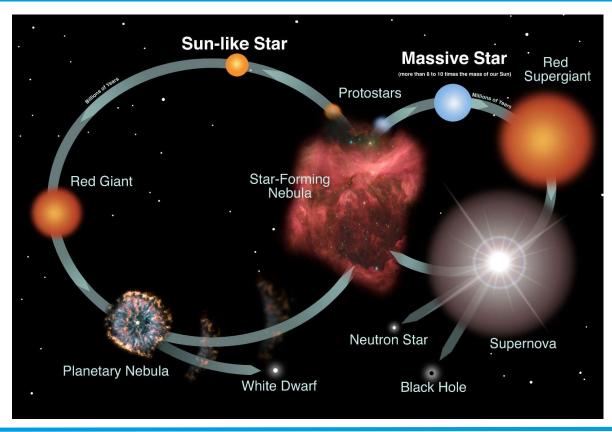
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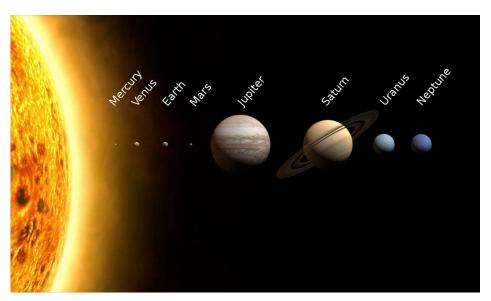


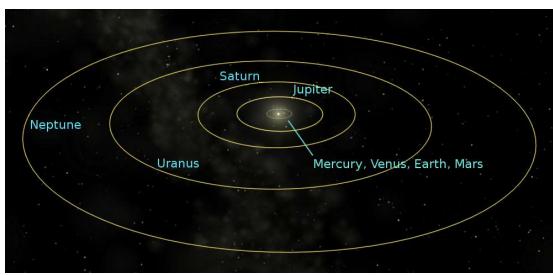
1st cycle





Solar system



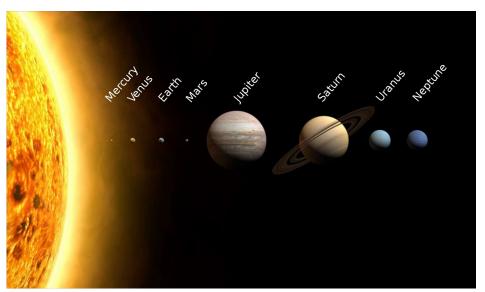


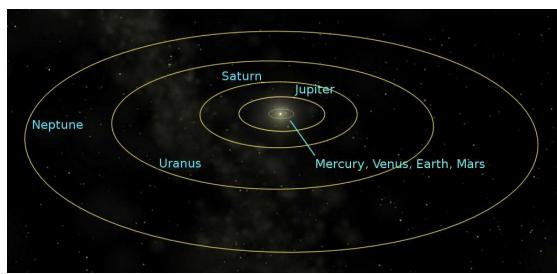
Our star is at least a 2nd generation star





Solar system



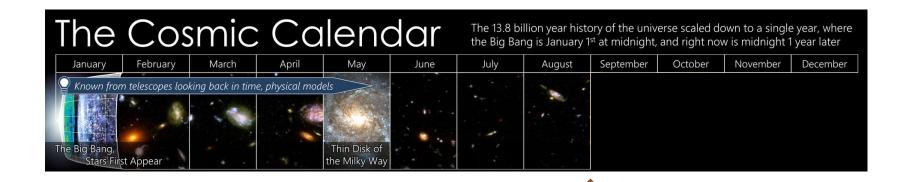


Cycle: solar year





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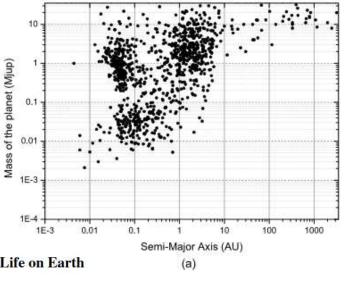
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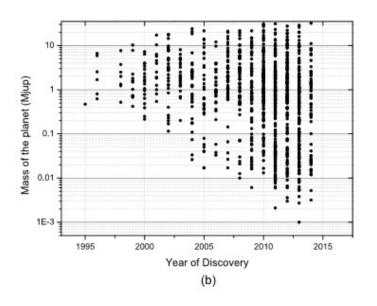




Planets

Fig. 2 Exoplanets discovered around other stars (as of July 2014). Planetary mass as a function of (a) the distance to the host star (semi-major axis in astronomical units) and (b) year of discovery. Most of them, especially those discovered until the end of the first decade of the 21st century, were giant planets, orbiting close to their host star (source exoplanet.eu). For reference, the mass of the Earth is $3.15 \times 10^{-3} \ M_{\rm jup}$





Astrobiology and the Possibility of Life on Earth and Elsewhere...

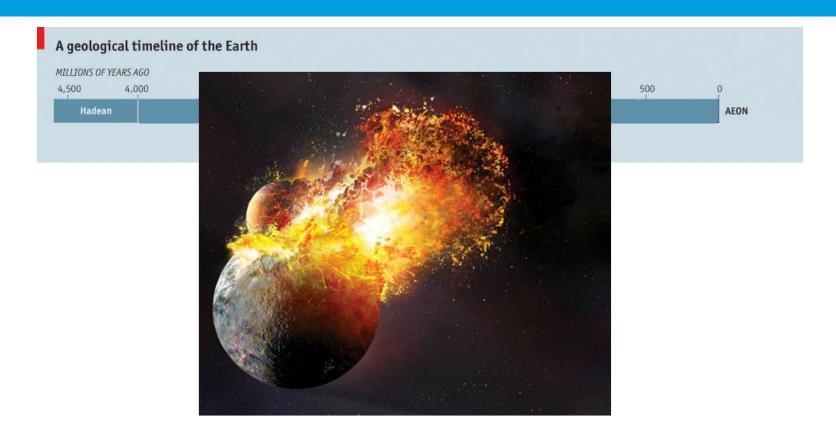
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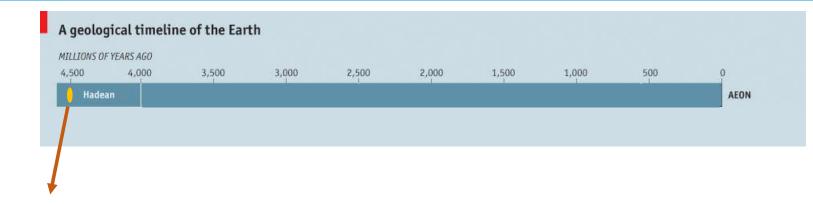
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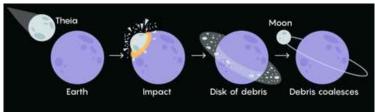






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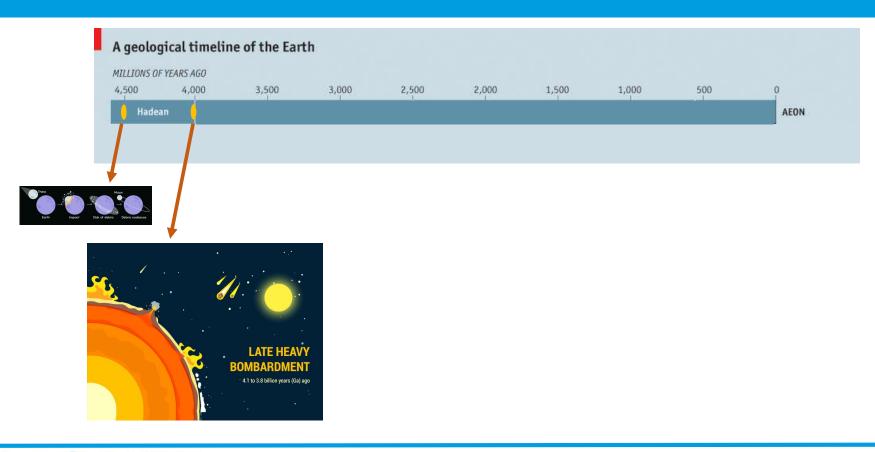
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Cycle: 1 day = 12/21 hours





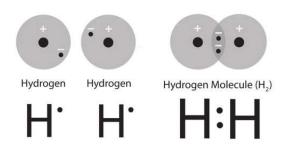
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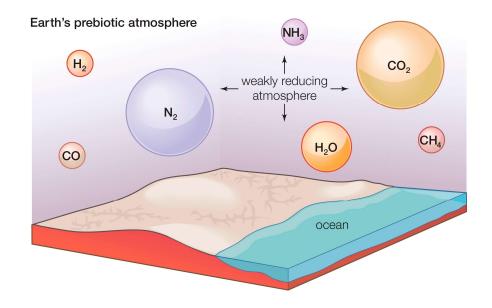






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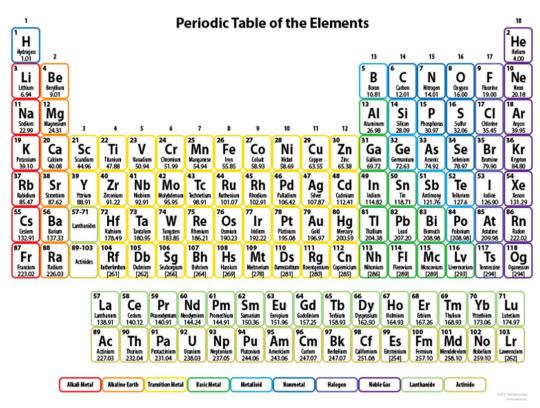






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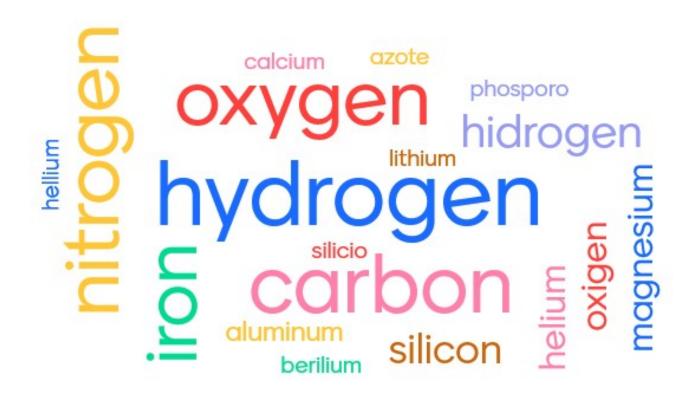








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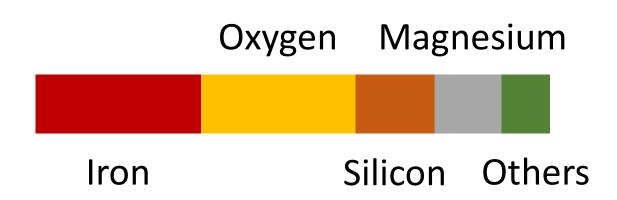






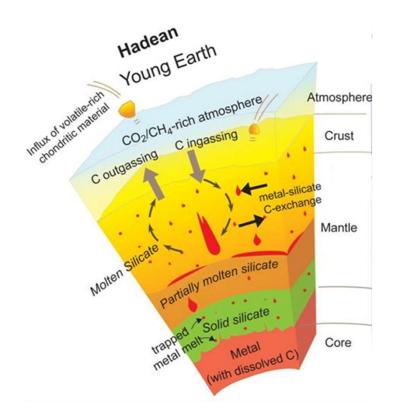
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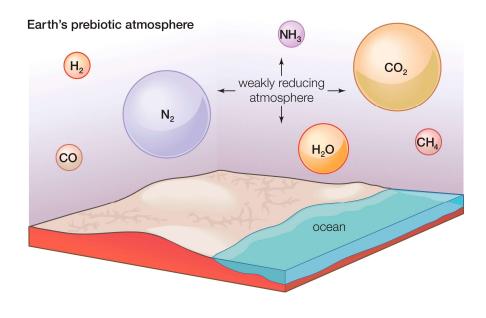
















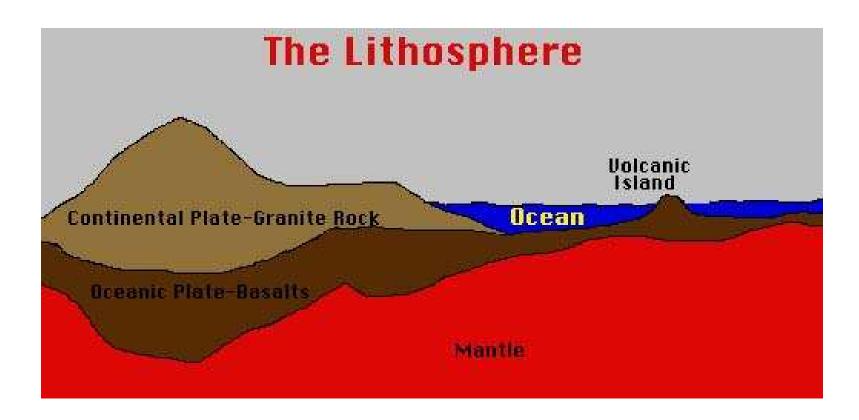


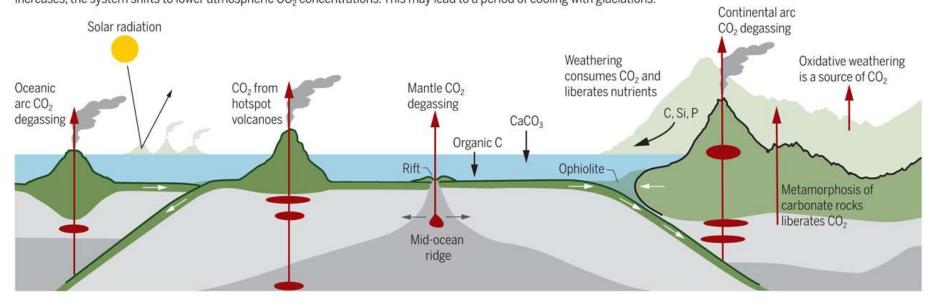




Plate tectonics

Geological sources and sinks of CO₂

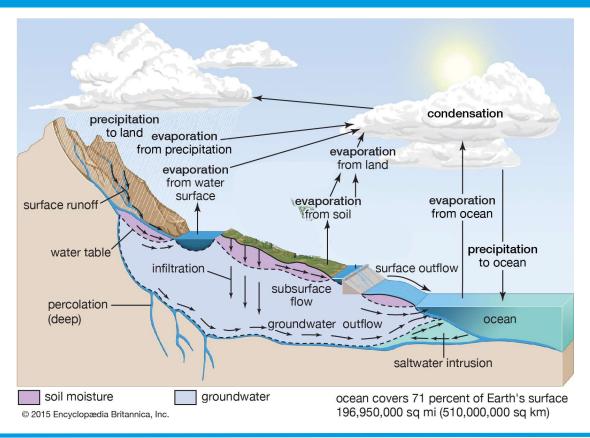
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Water cycle

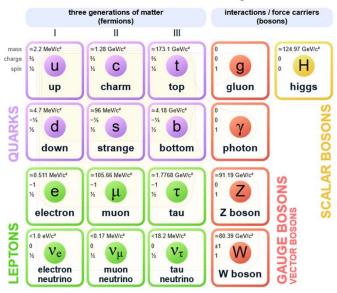






Kits of building blocks

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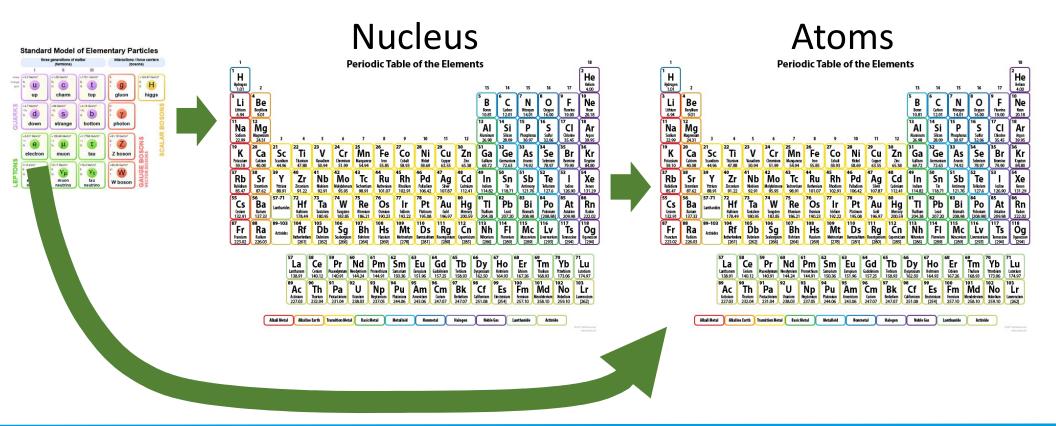




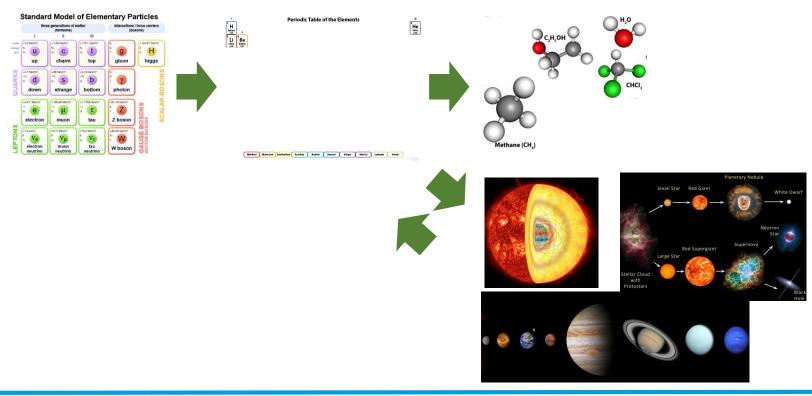


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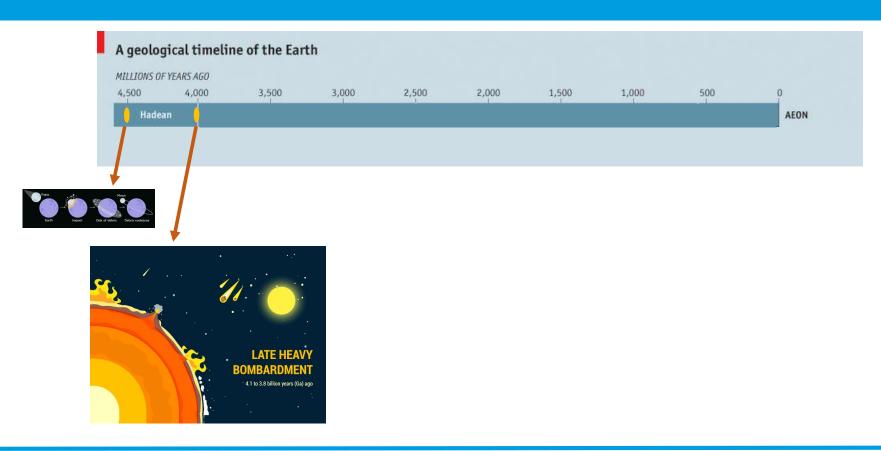
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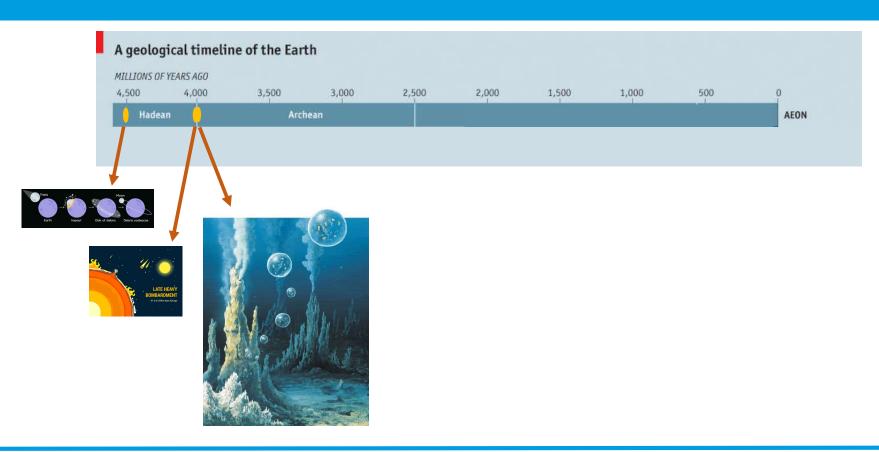
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Archean







Life

Natural selection

- Replication (with errors)
- Finite resources

Energy

+

Mass (building blocks)





Life

Evolution of life

- Replication (with errors)
- Finite resources
- Metabolism

Energy

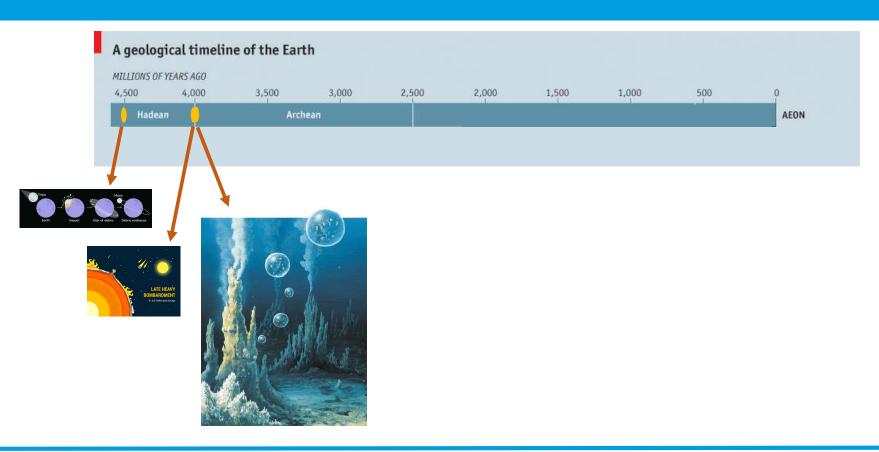
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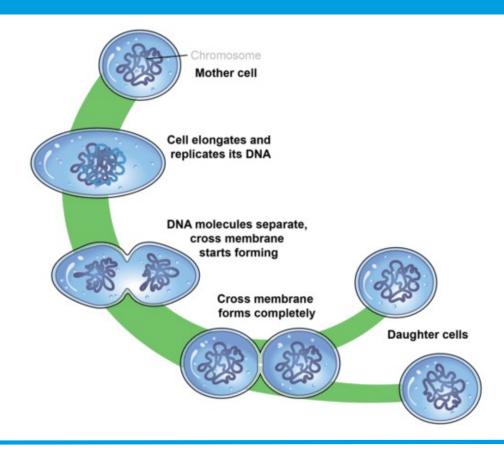
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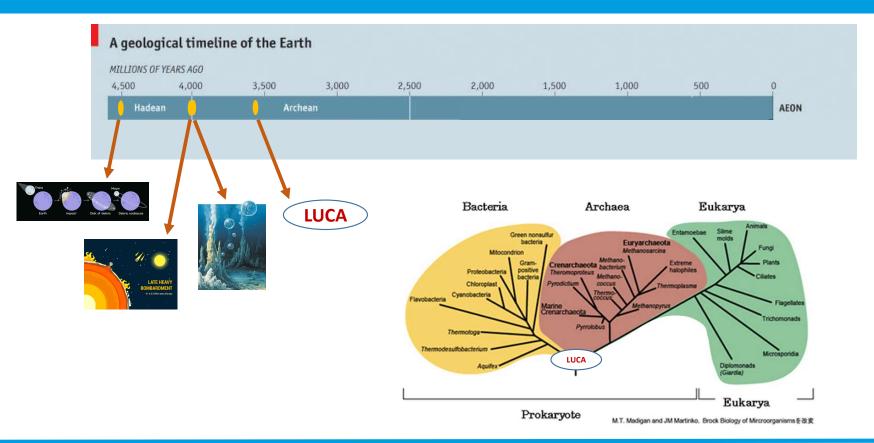
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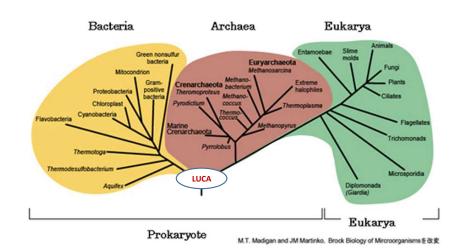
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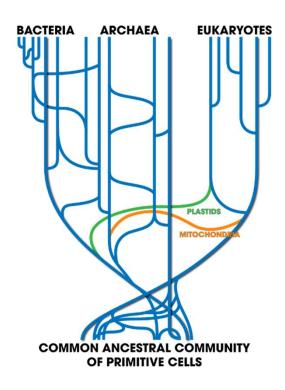






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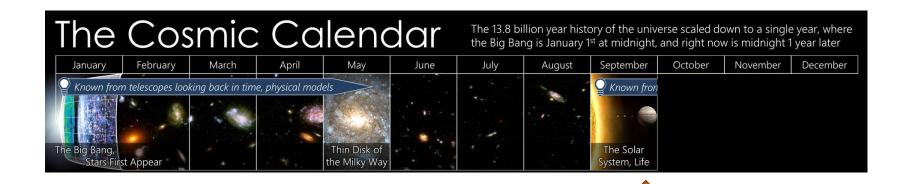








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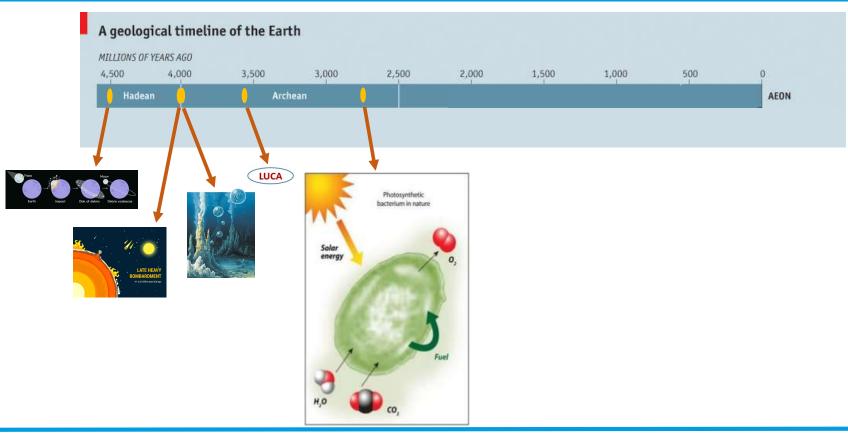


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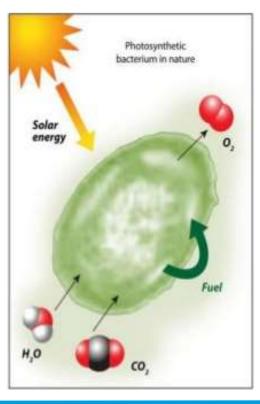


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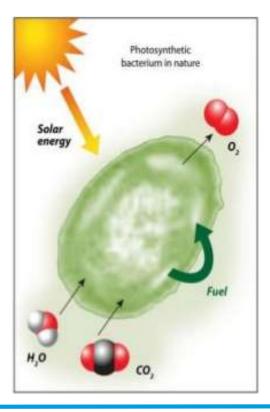


Solar energy
$$6 CO_2 + 6 H_2O \longrightarrow C_6 H_{12}O_6 + 6 O_2$$

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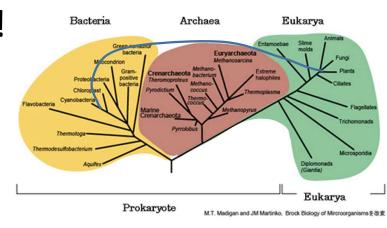






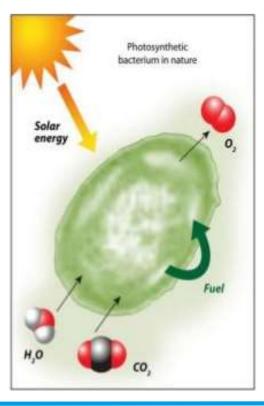
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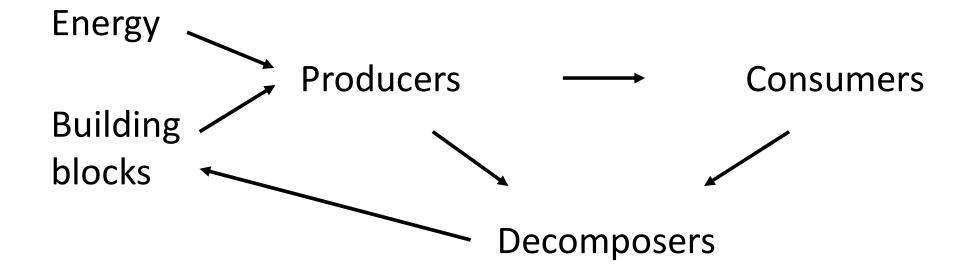
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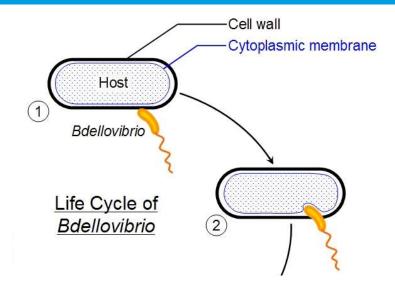
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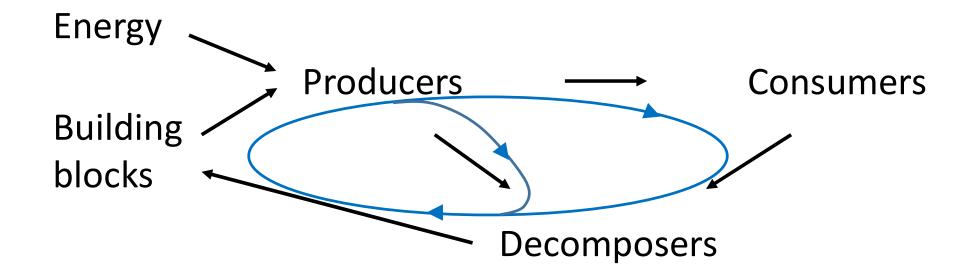
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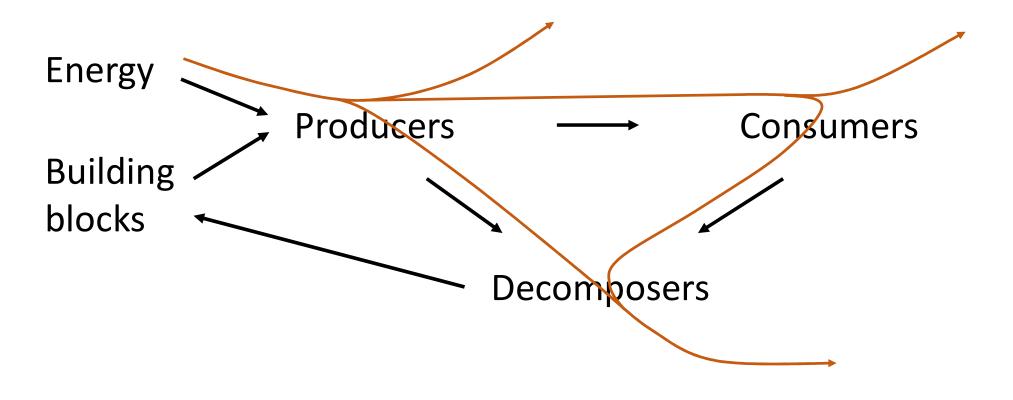
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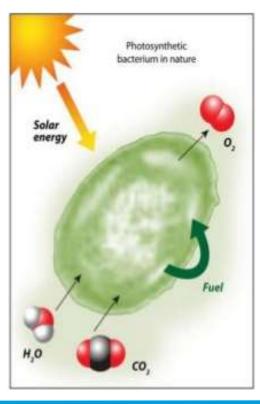


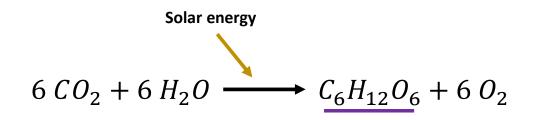
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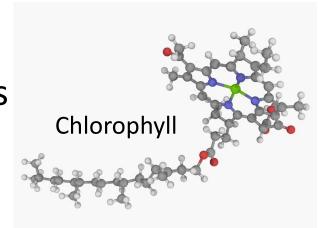








- Not plants!
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- Molecules







Molecular revolutions





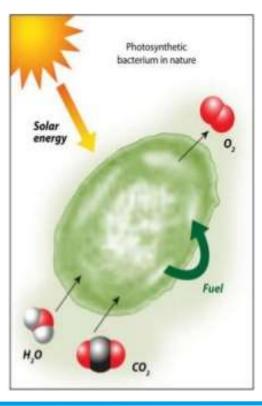


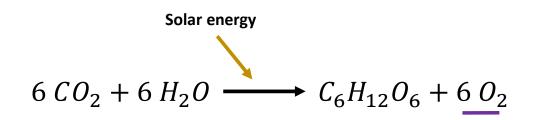
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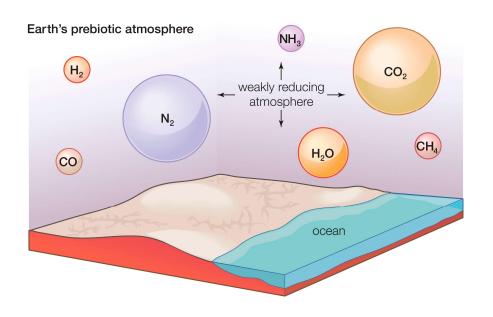


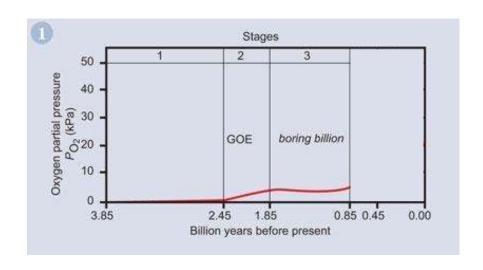
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The Great Oxidation Event

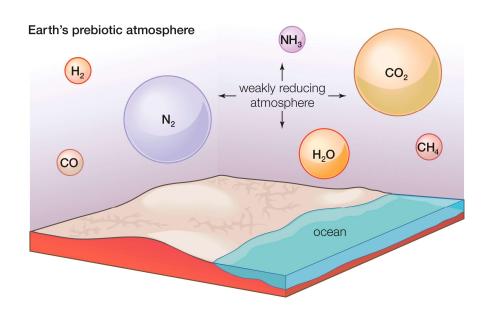


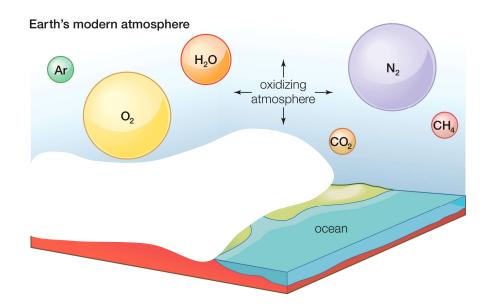






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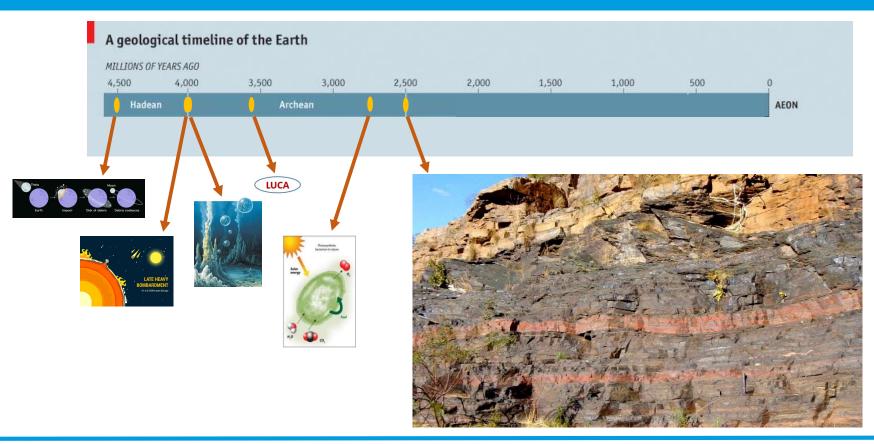








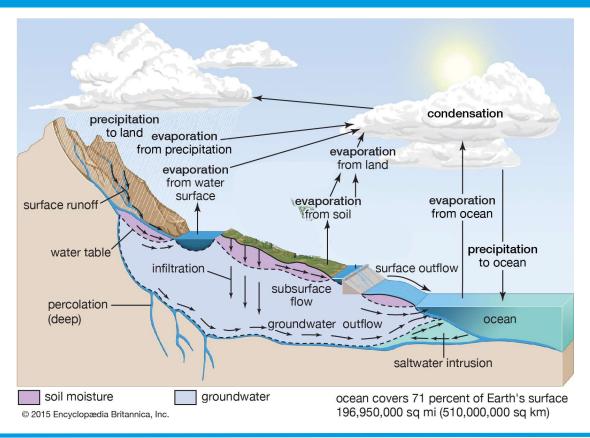
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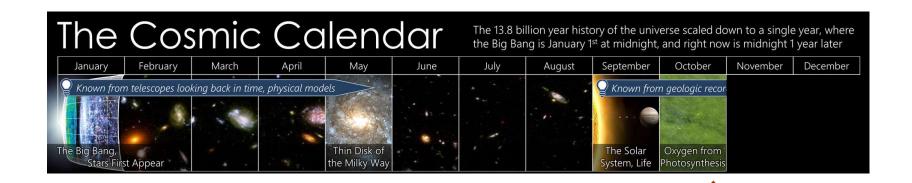
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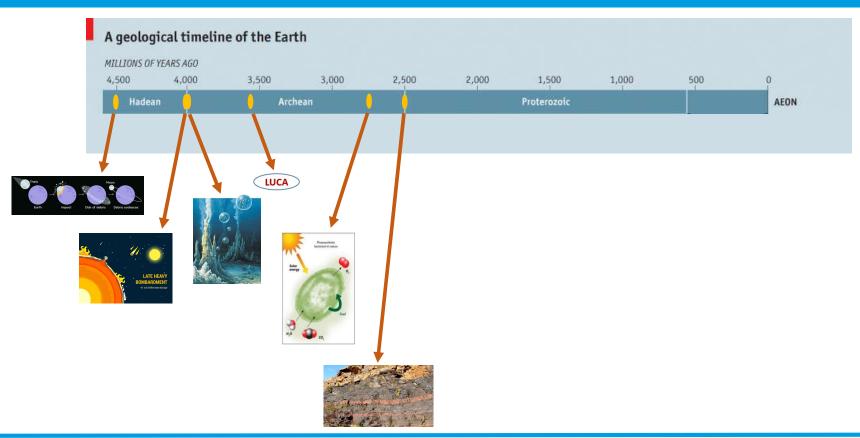


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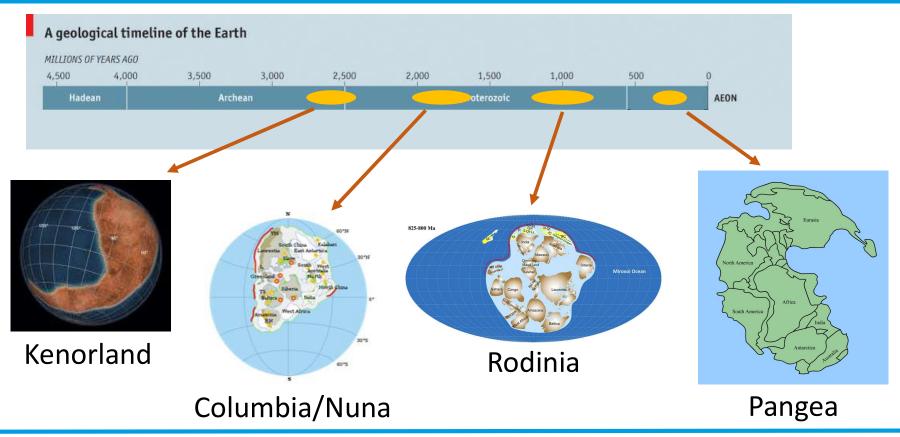
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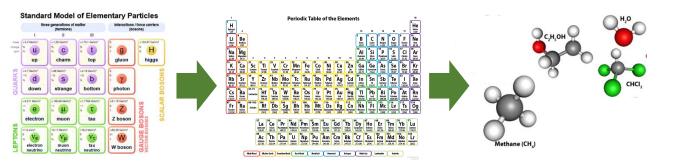
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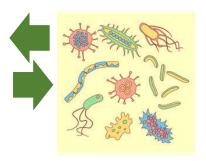






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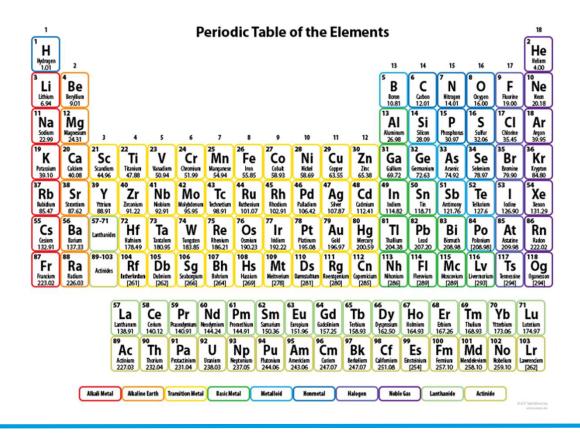






Elemental composition of Life



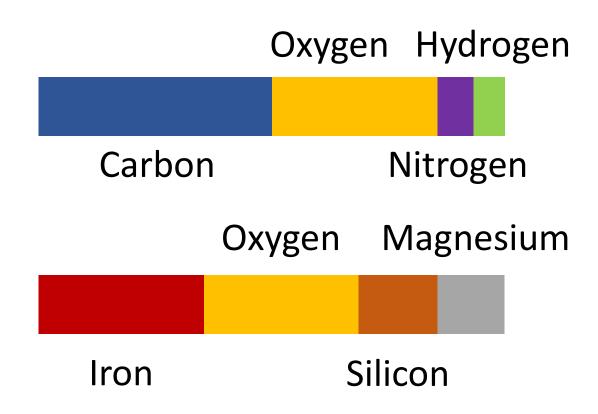






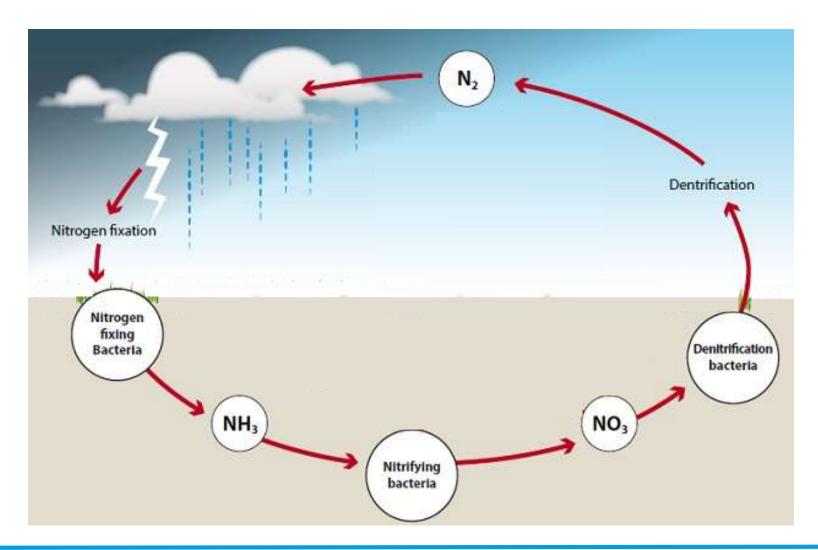
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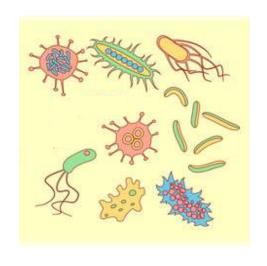














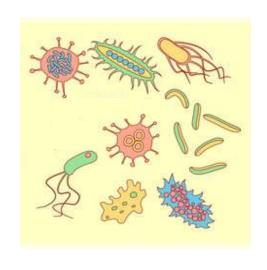
From organisms of the same species

Colonies











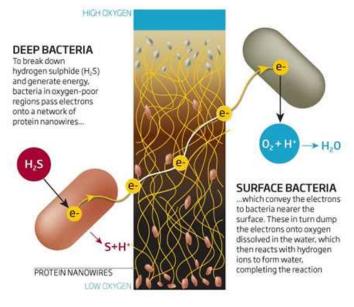
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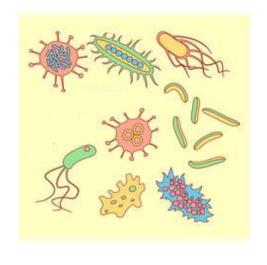
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Symbiosis





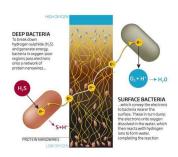


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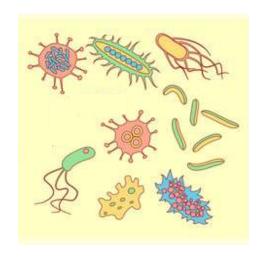


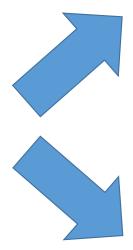
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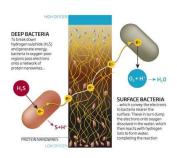
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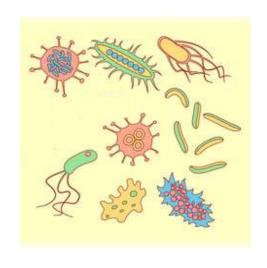
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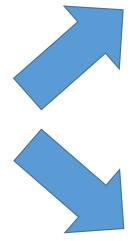


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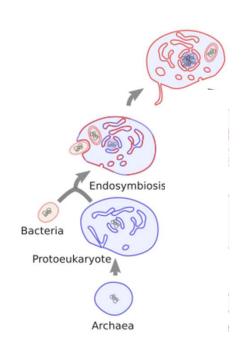
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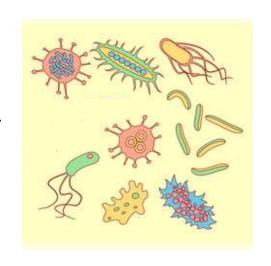


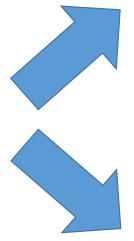
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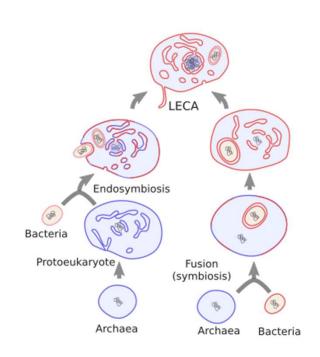
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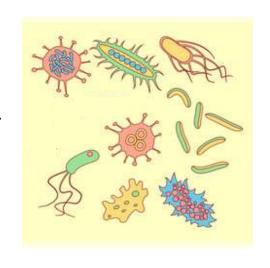
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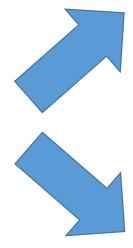


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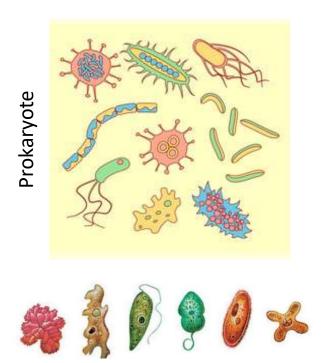


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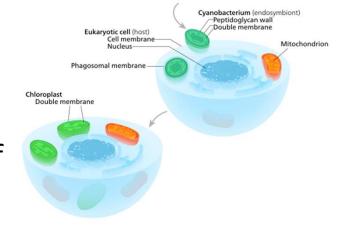


Unicellular organisms





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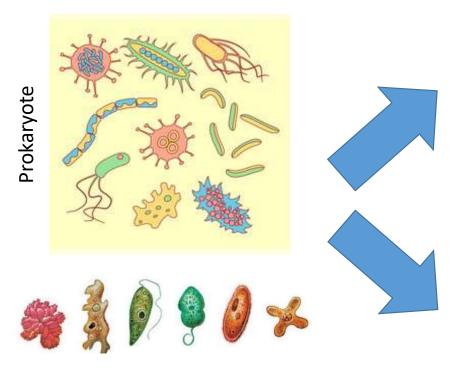




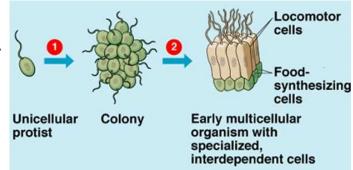




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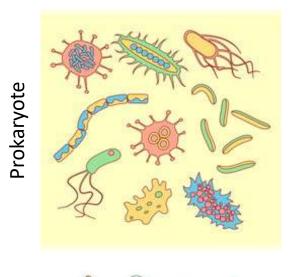
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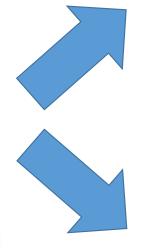
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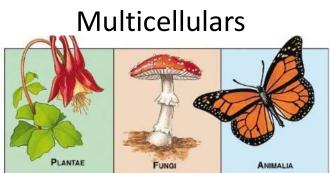


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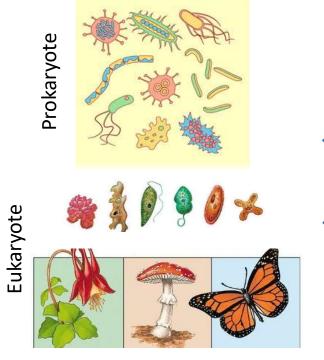








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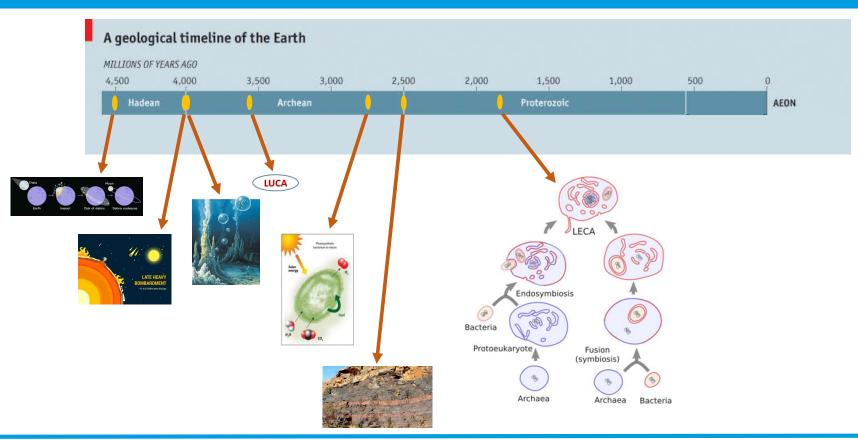


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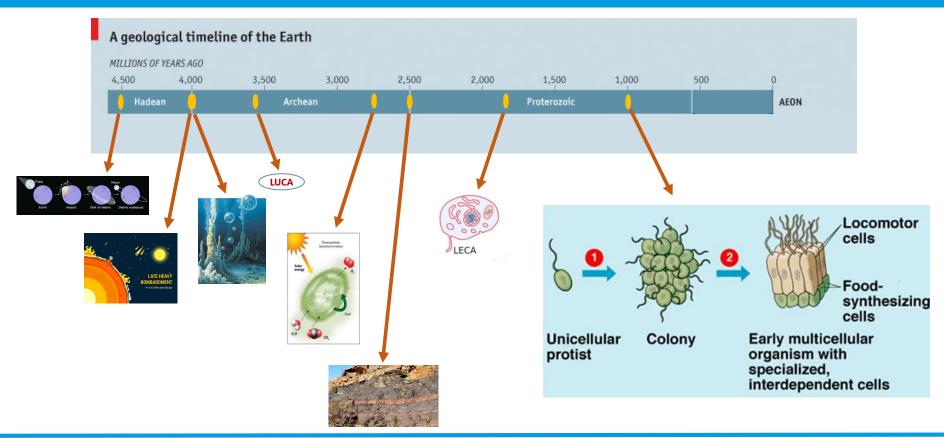
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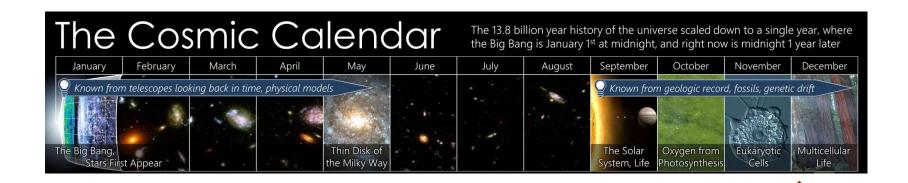
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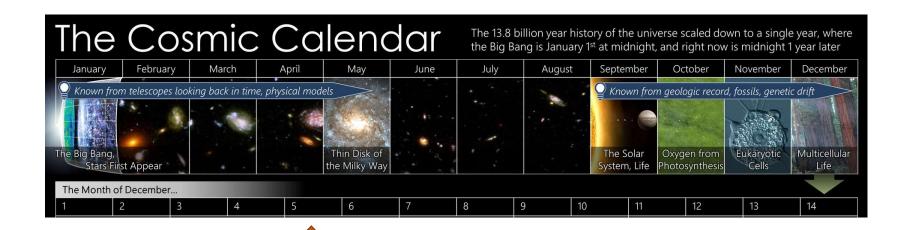


First week of December 1 billion years ago





Multicellularity

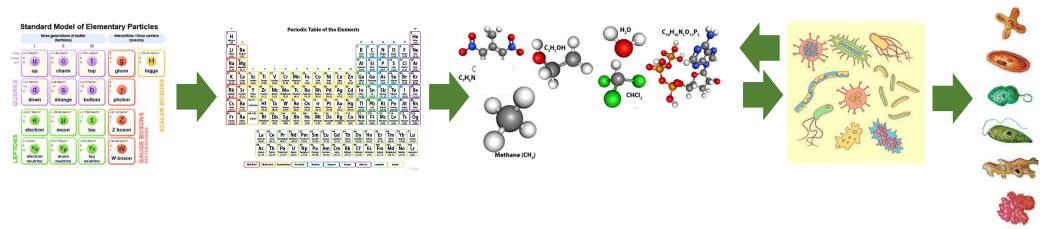


December 5th 1 billion years ago





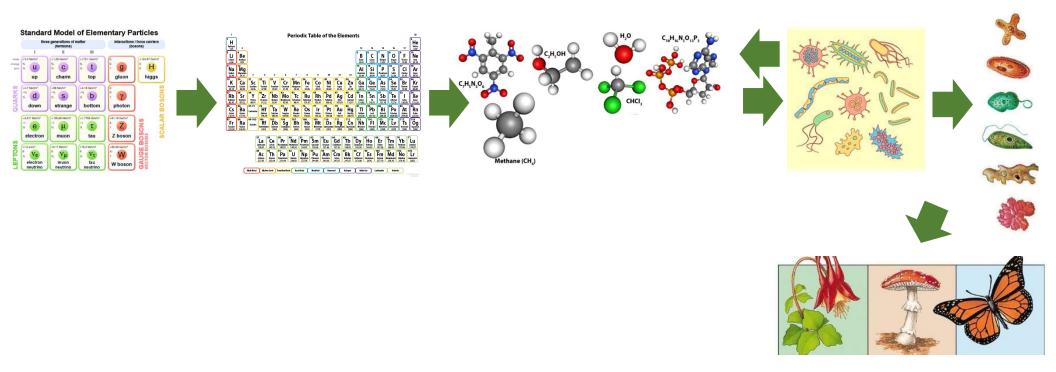
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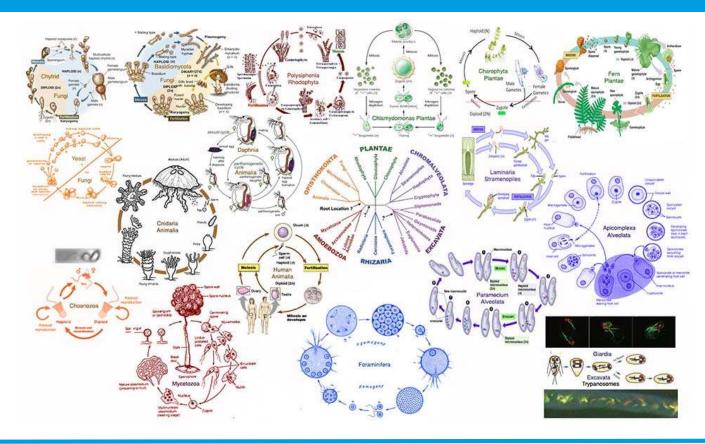
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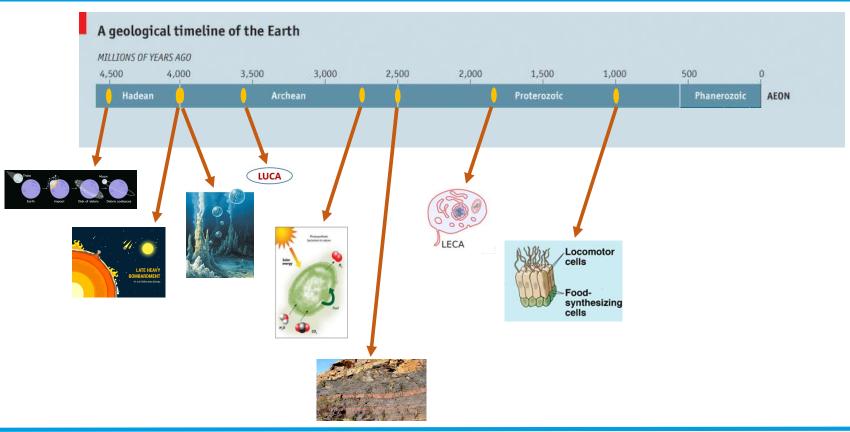
Life cycles







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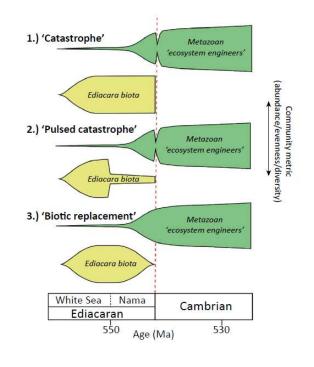






Ediacarian explosion





Opinion

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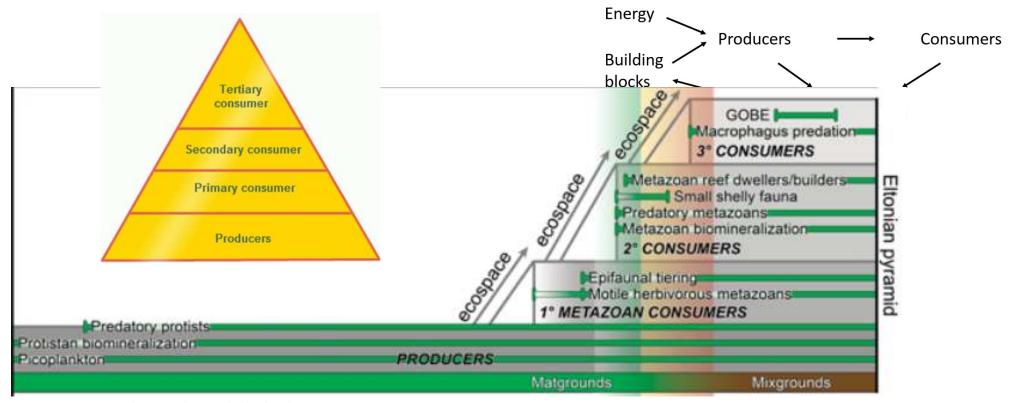
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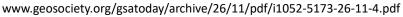


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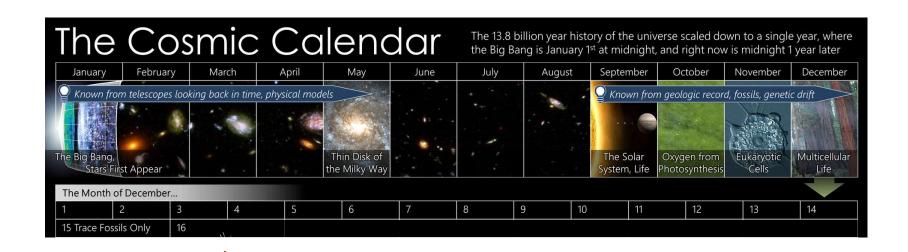








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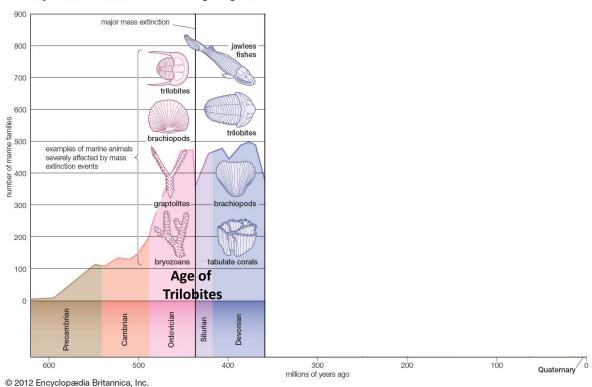
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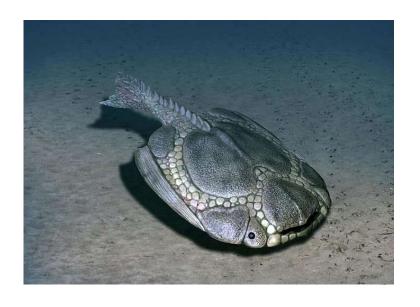
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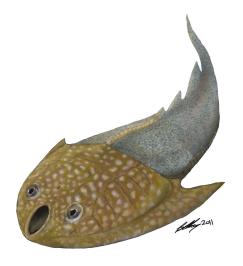
Diversity of marine animal families over geologic time













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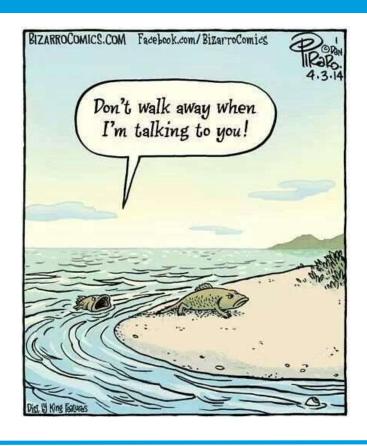


























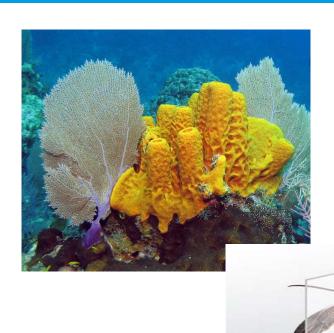










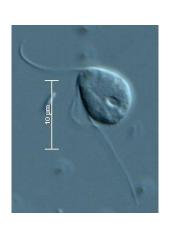








Monocercomonoides





Mitochondria





Rafflesia

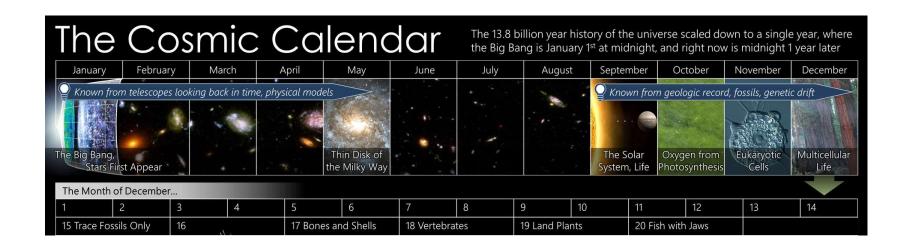


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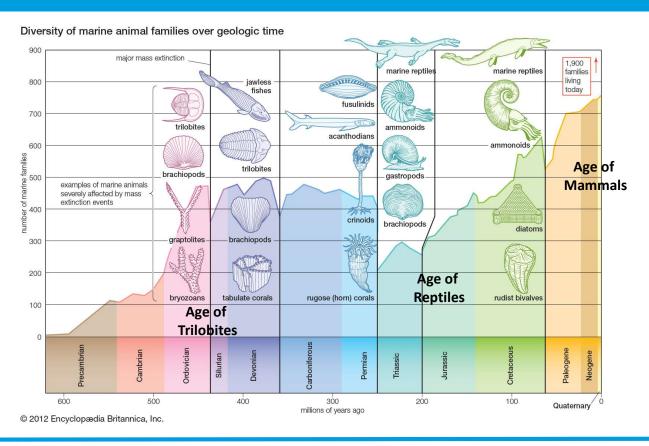


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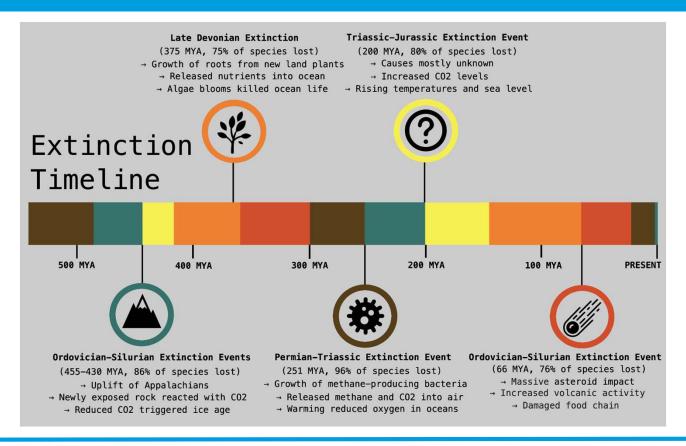
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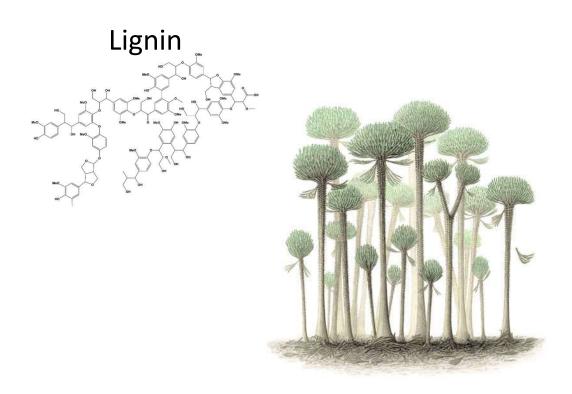
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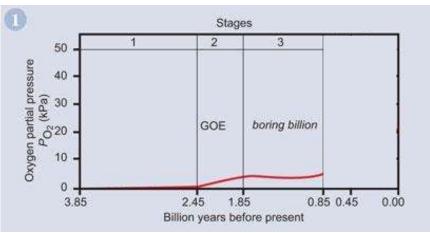






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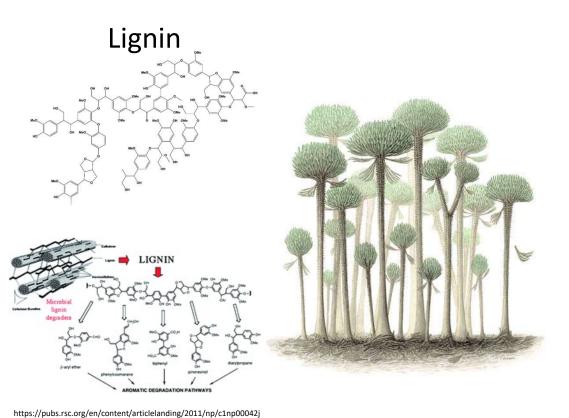


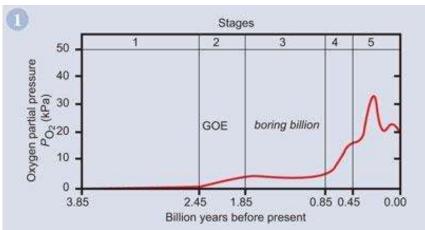


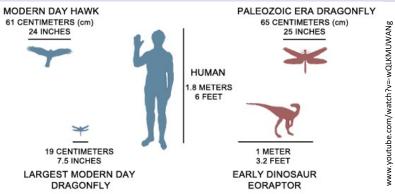




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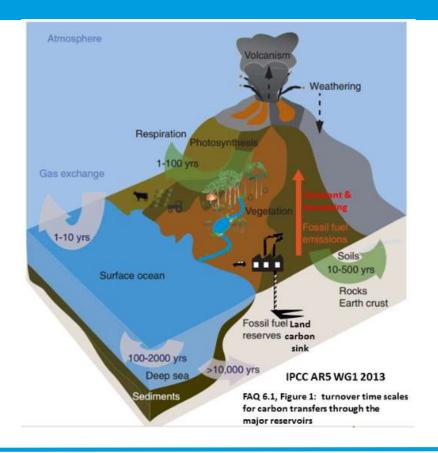


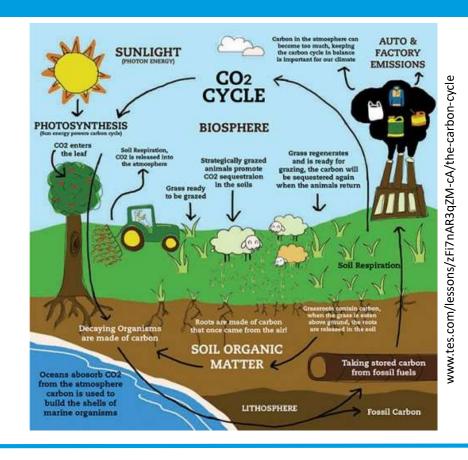






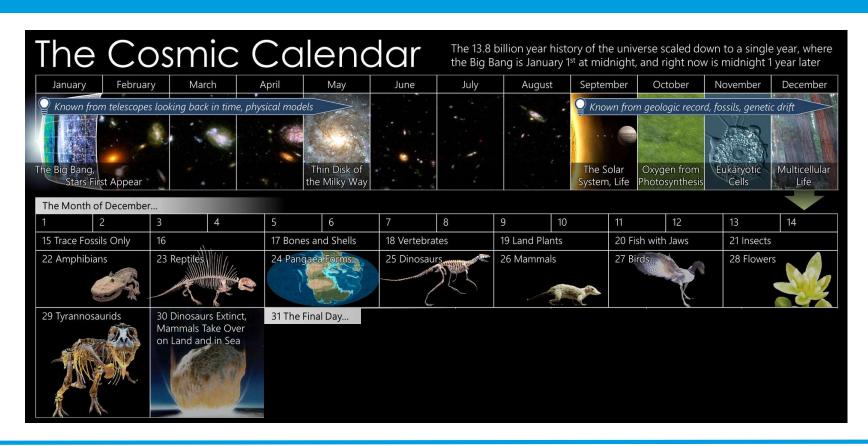
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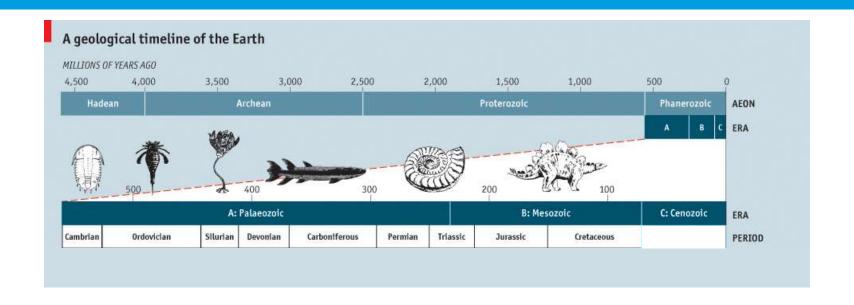






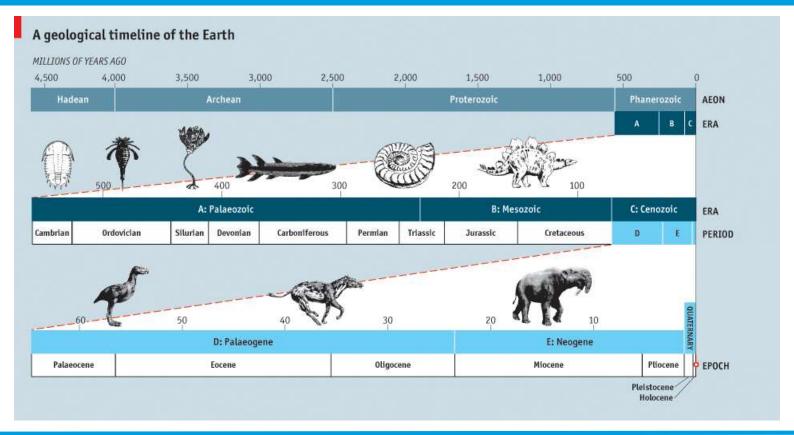


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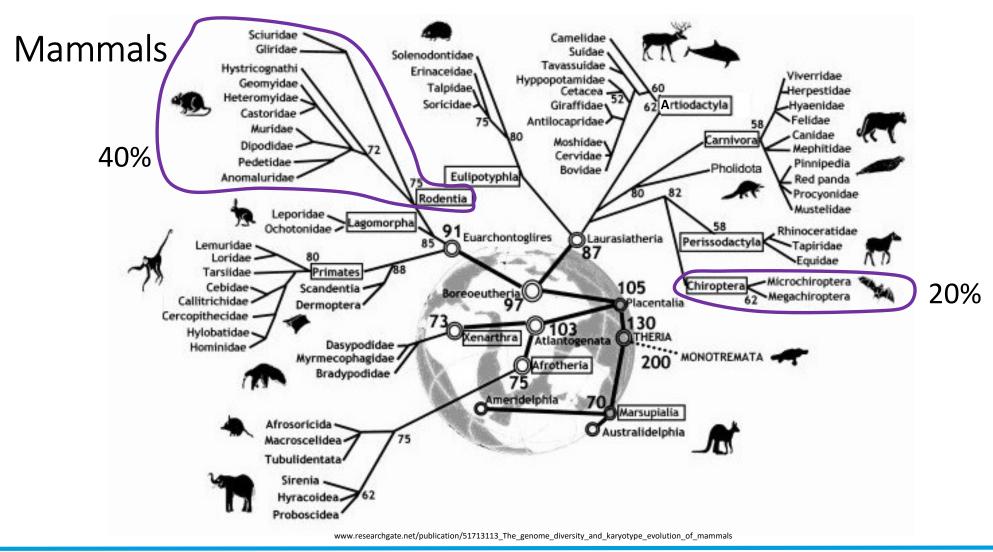




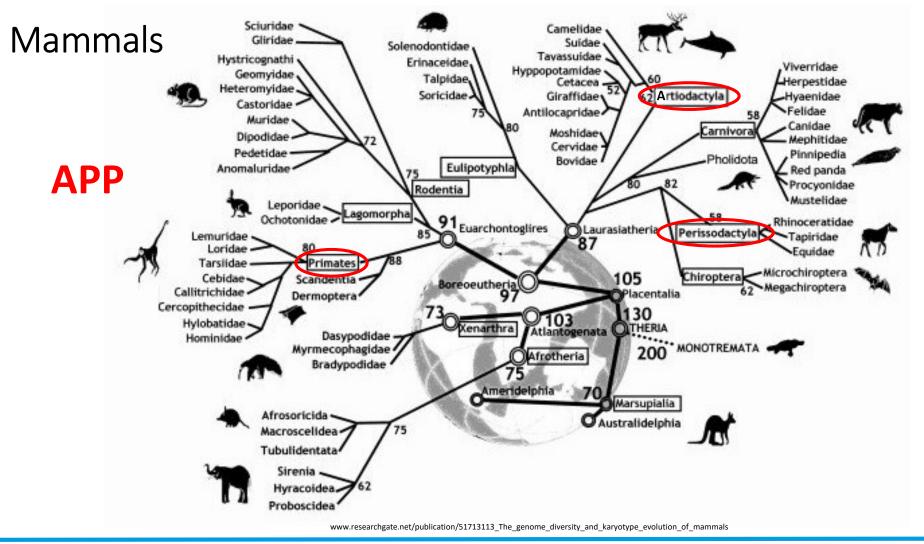
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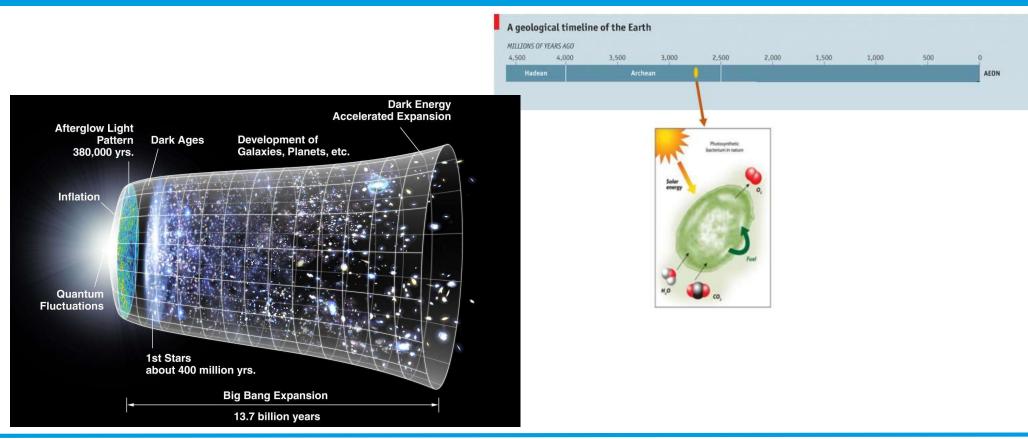








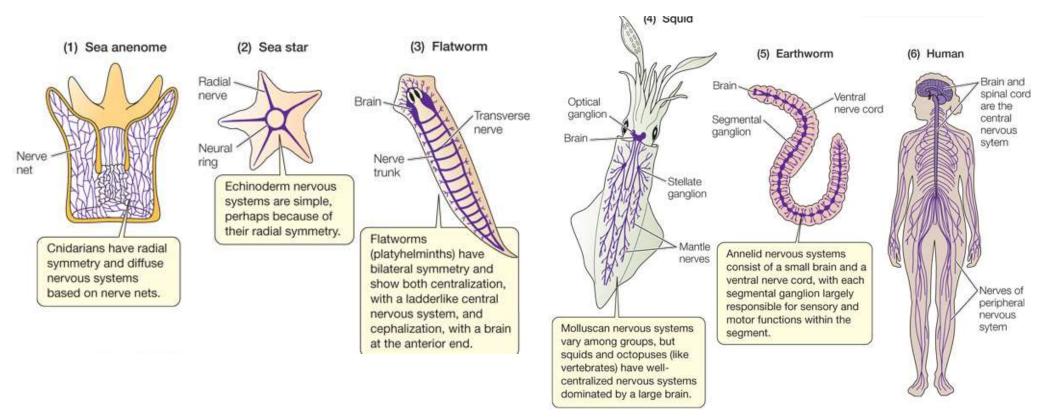
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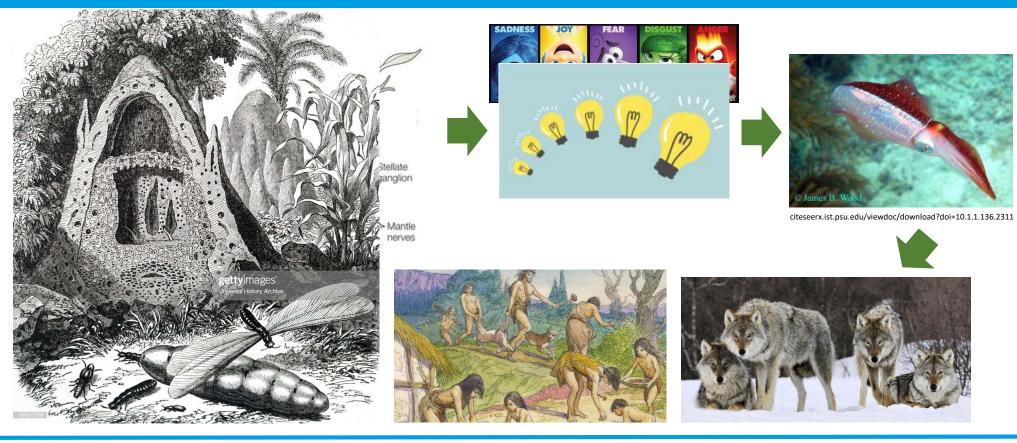
Nervous system







Animals







Eusociality





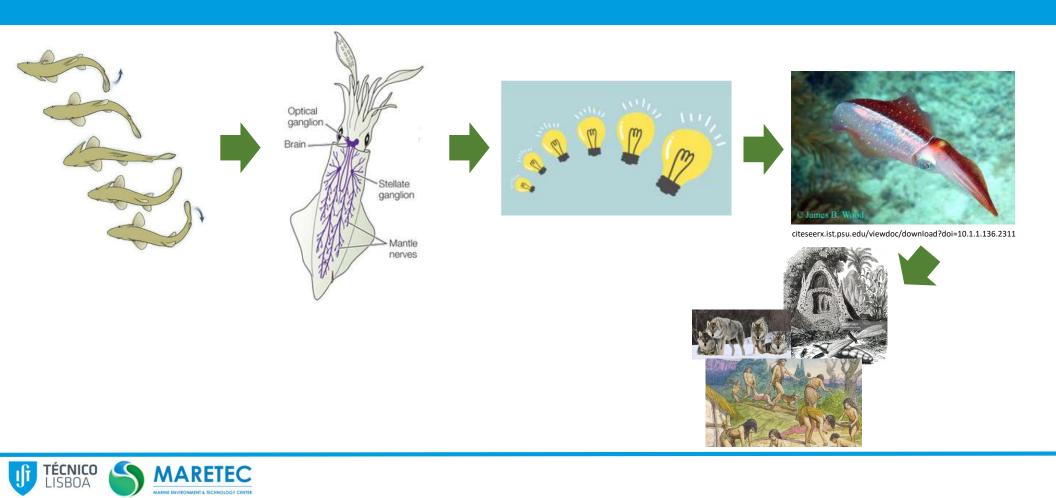




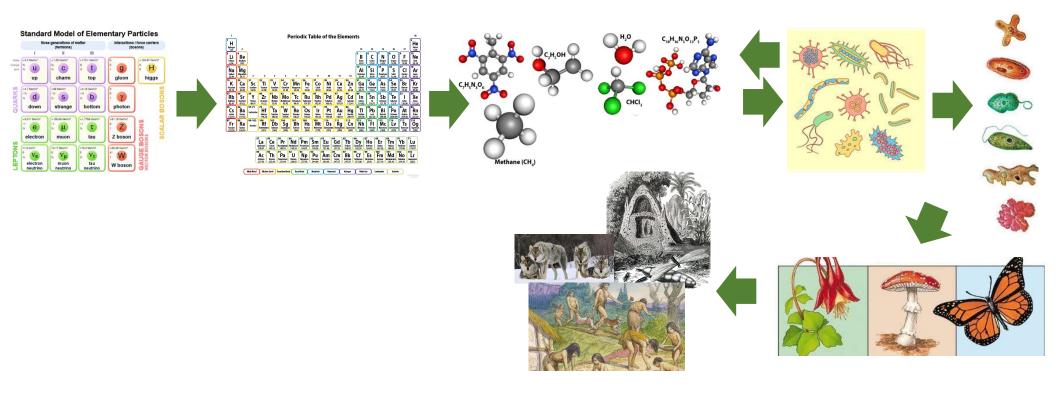








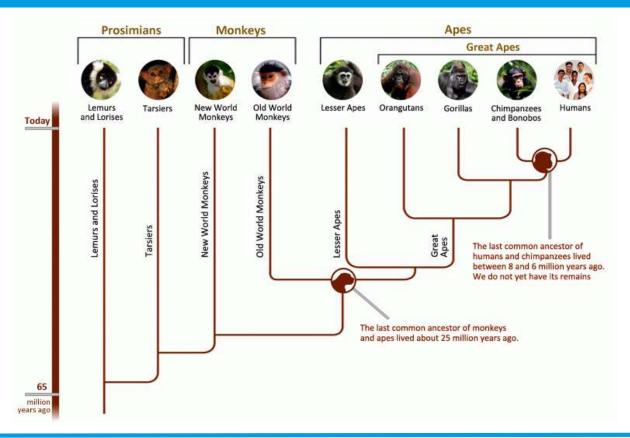
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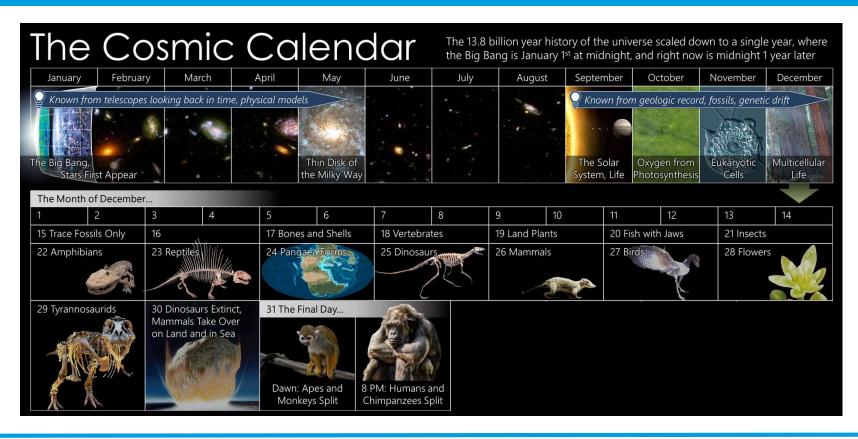
Primates







Homo

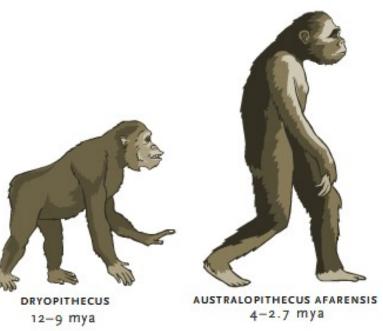






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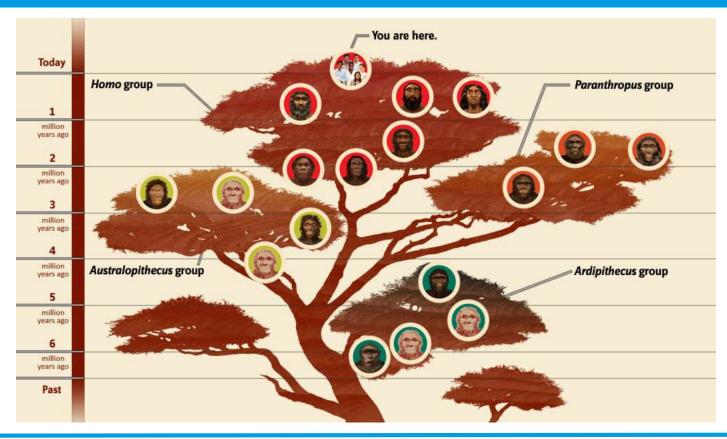








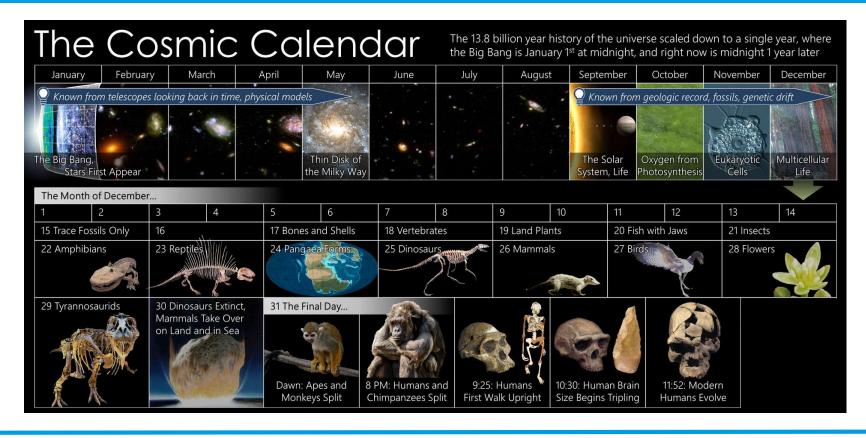
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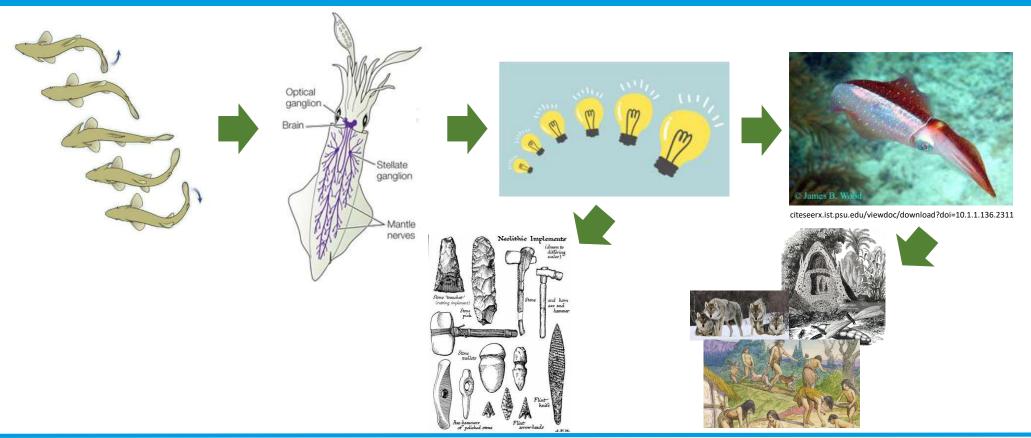


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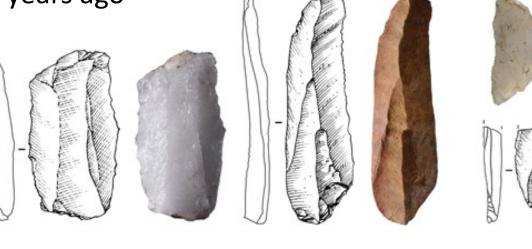




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Tools









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Life

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Cultural evolution

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Helmets

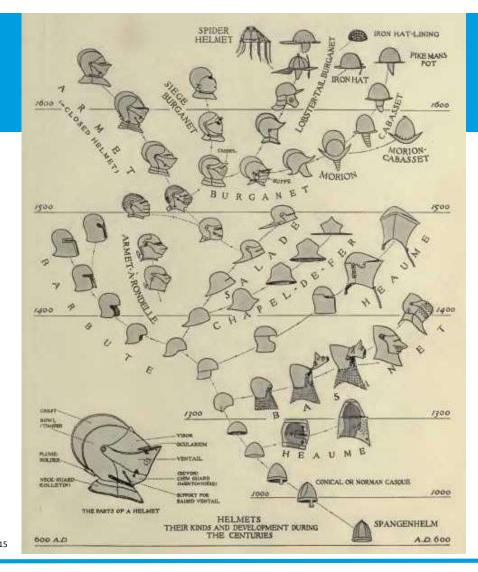
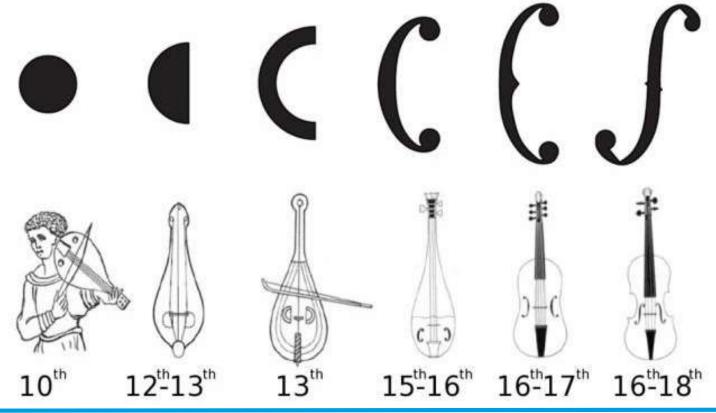


Diagram of helmet evolution, Bashford Dean, 1915





Violins







Collective learning



Collective learning



Cultural forgetting





Collective learning

Information

Disinformation

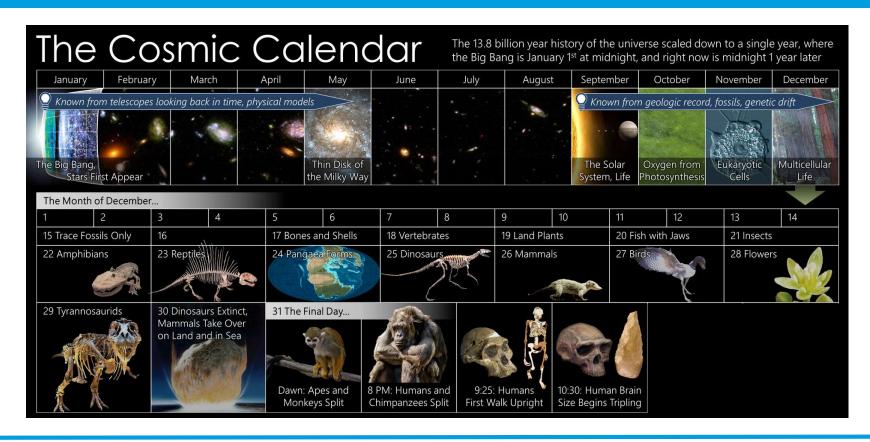








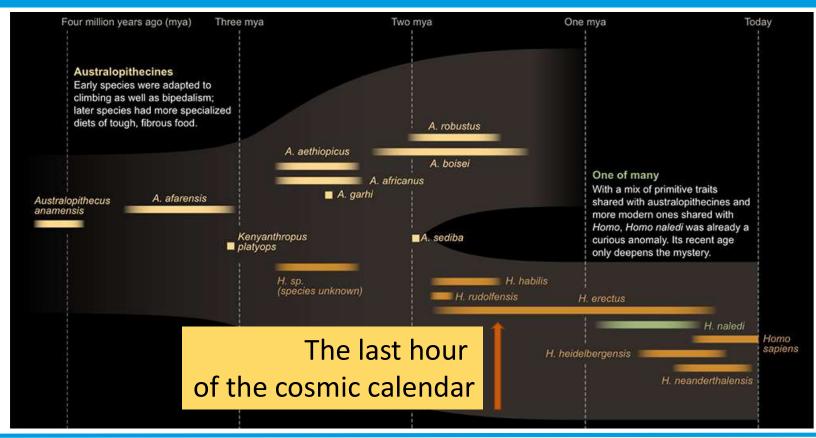








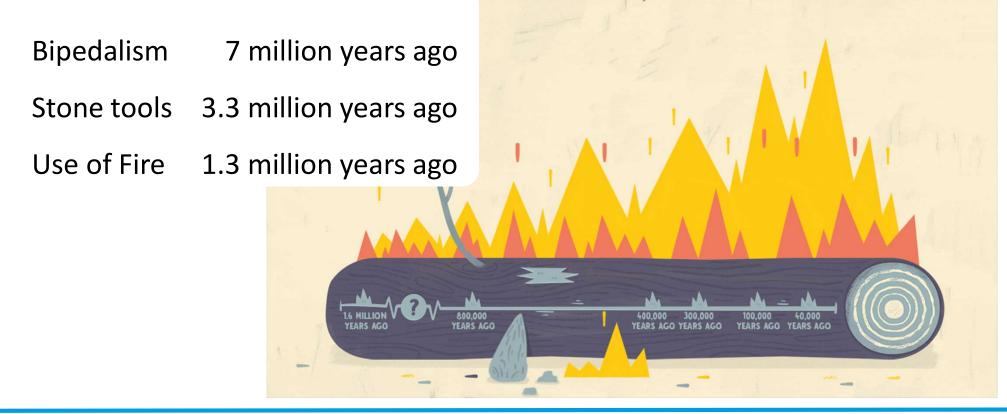
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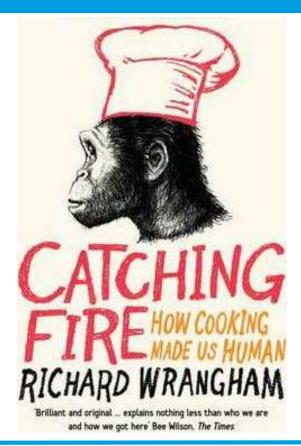
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Cooking





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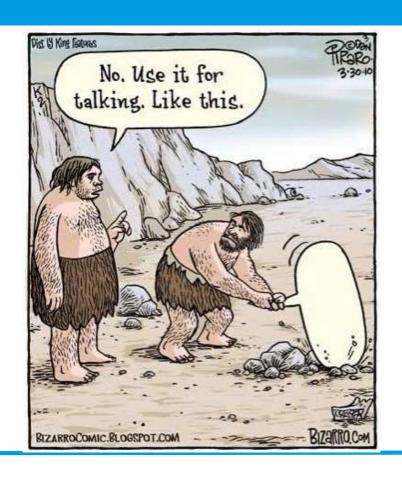
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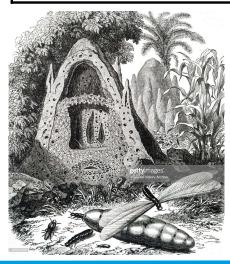
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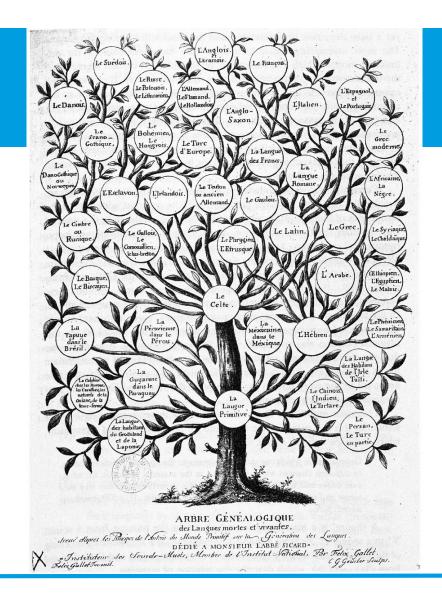
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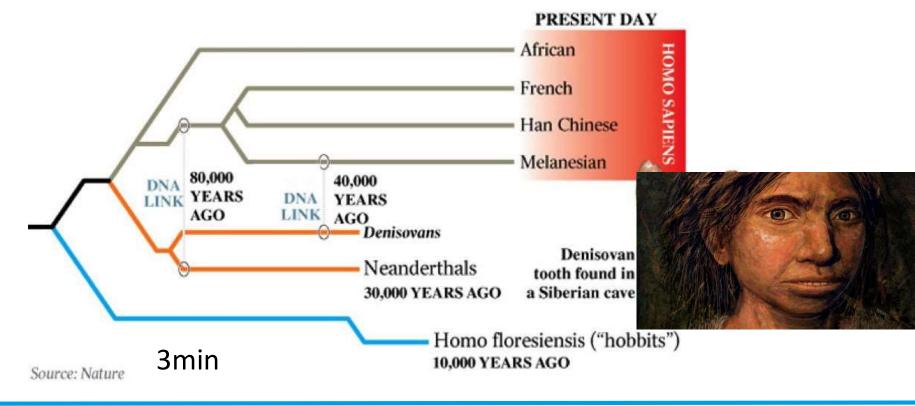


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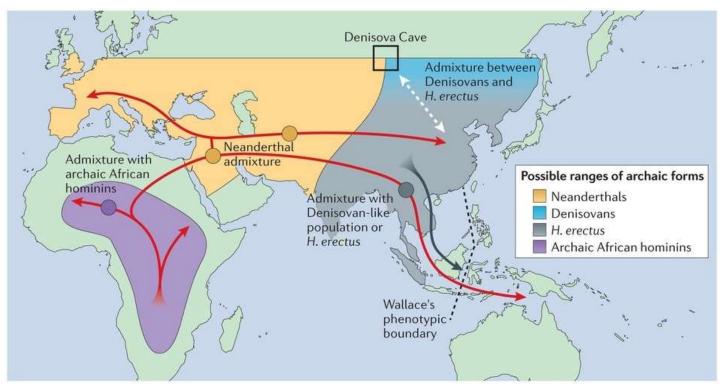
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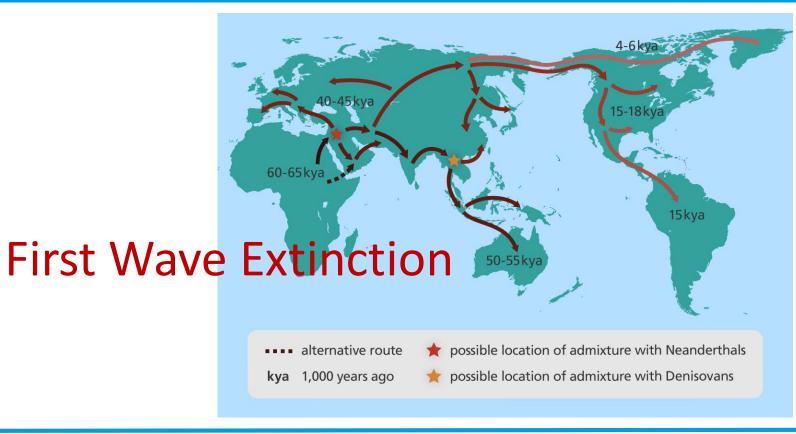


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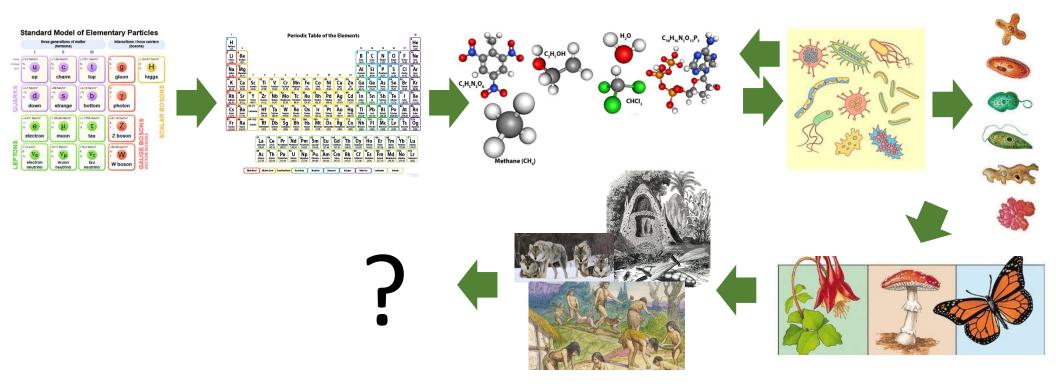
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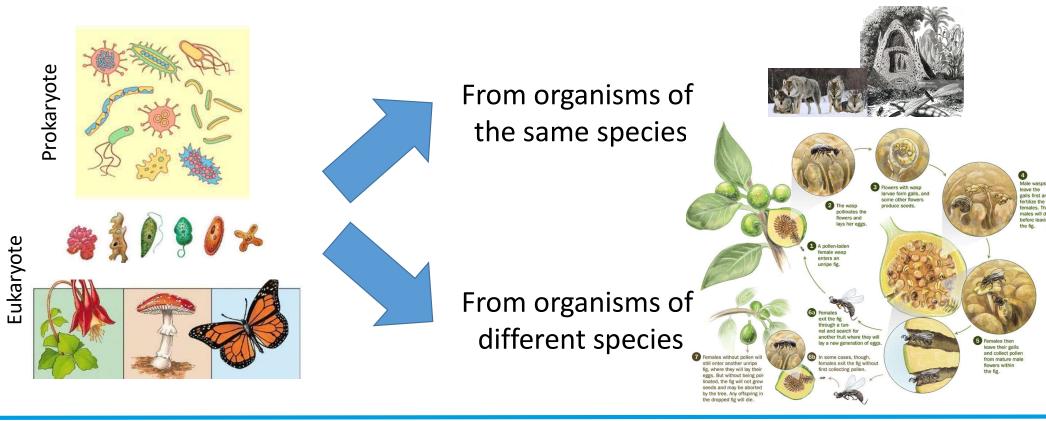
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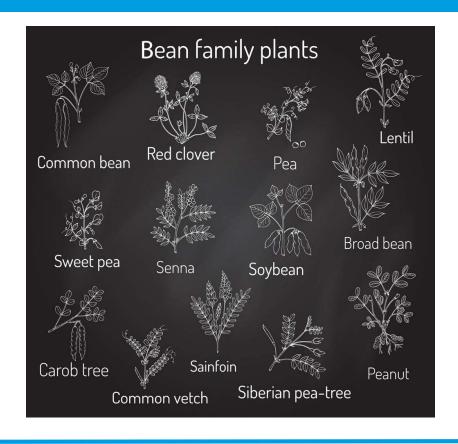
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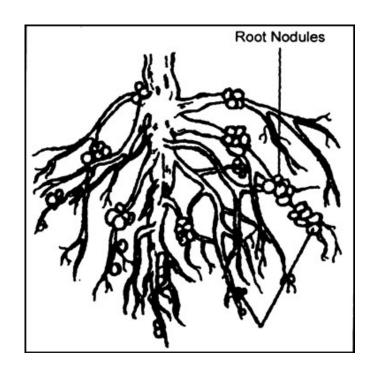






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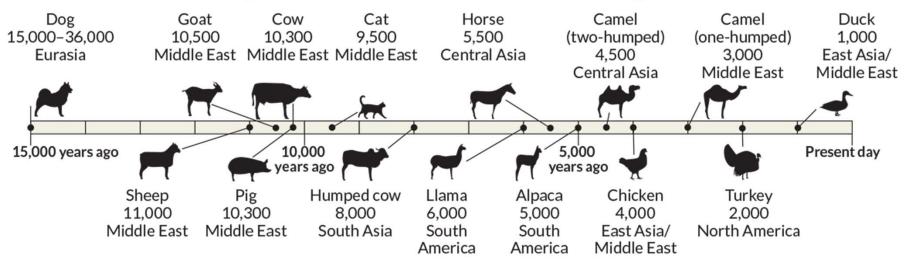






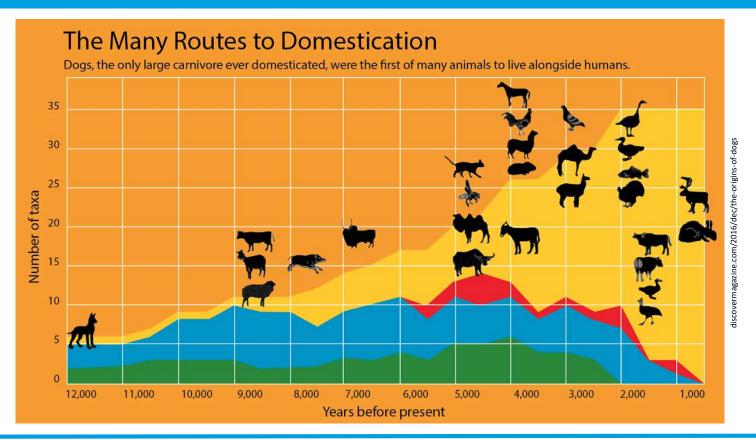


Approximate time frame of domestication based on archaeology



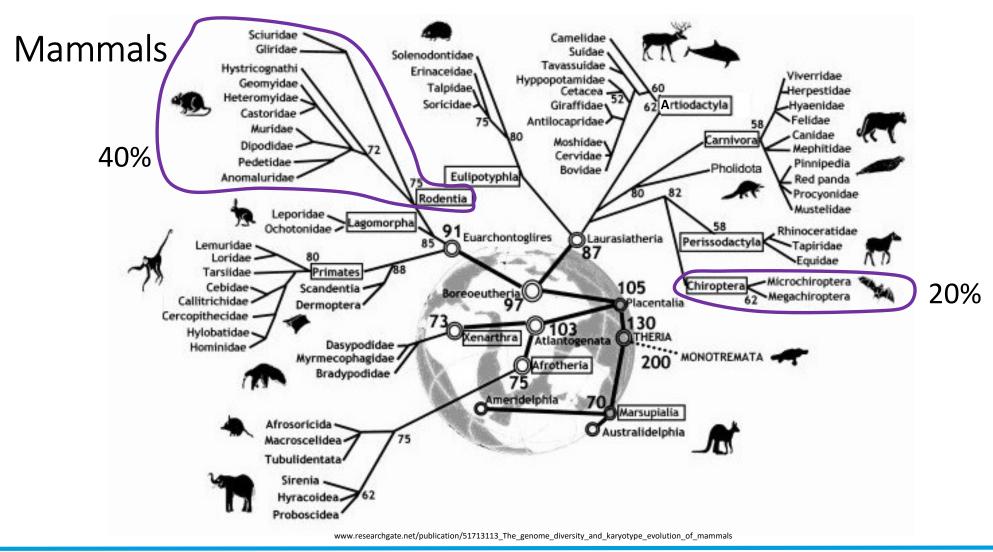




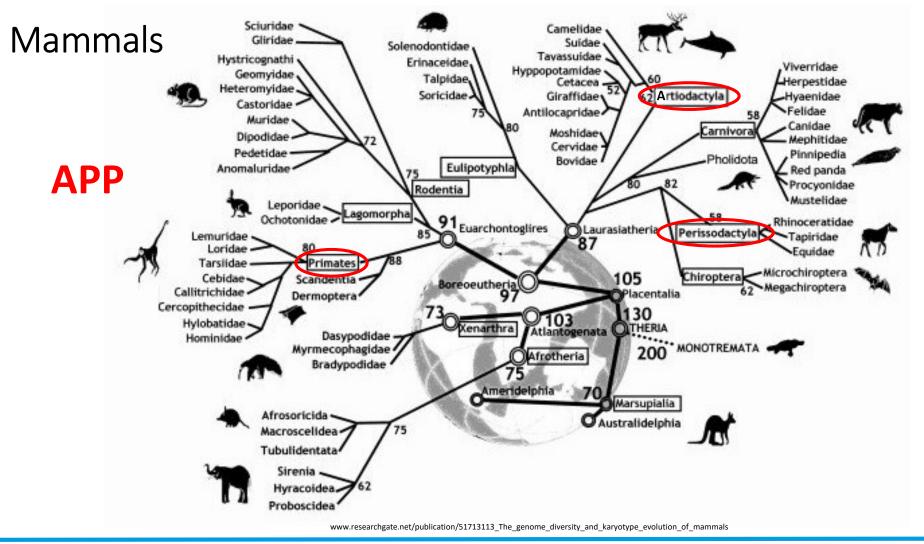






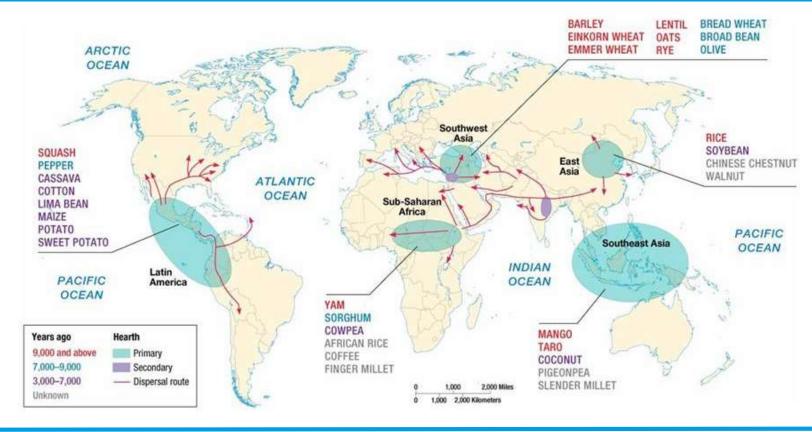
















Domestication is not unidirectional

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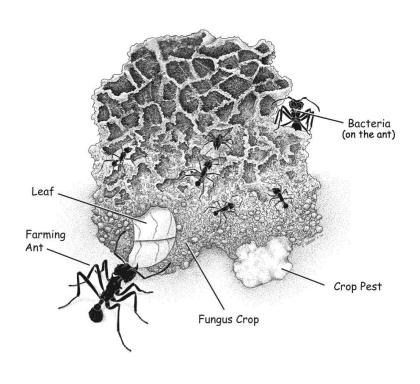
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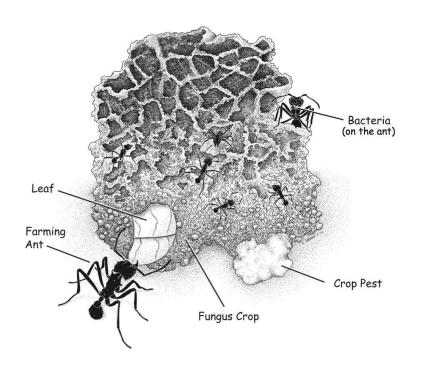


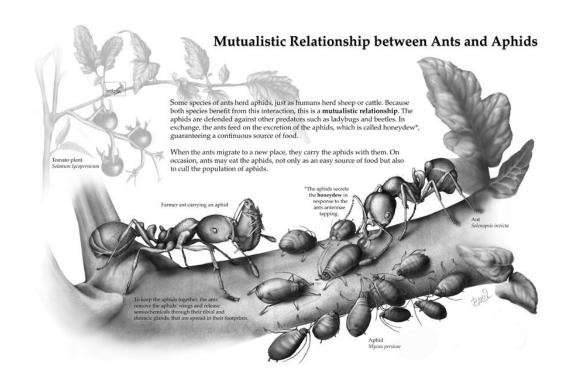






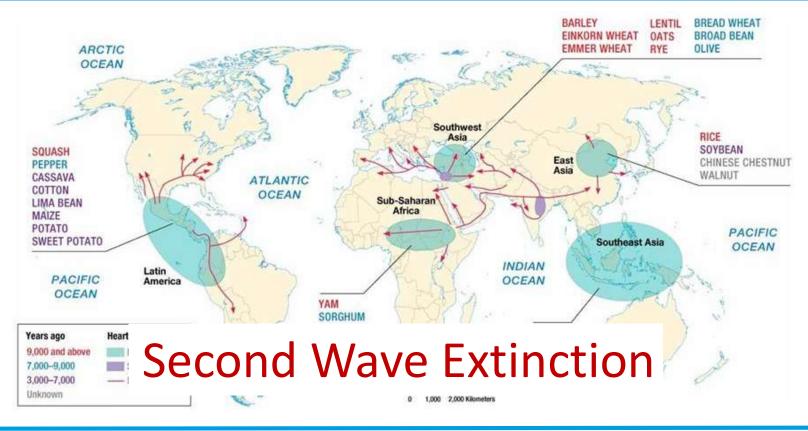






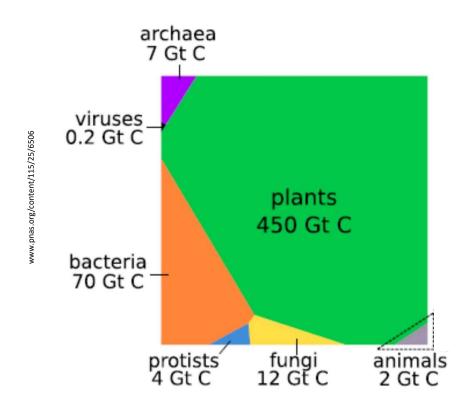






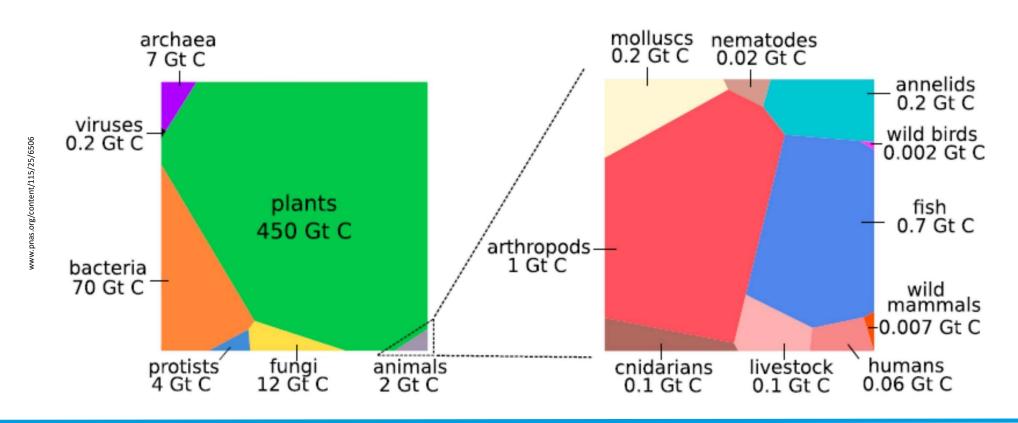






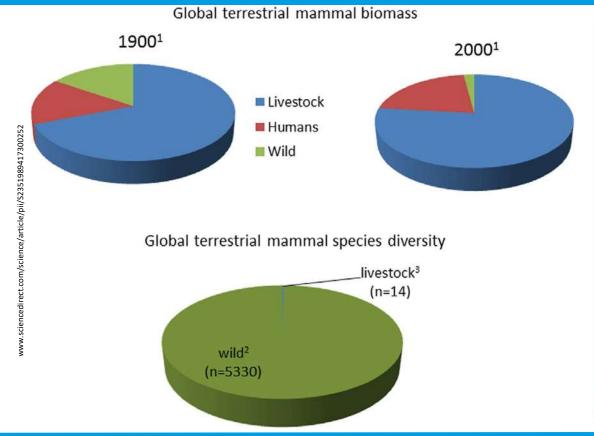


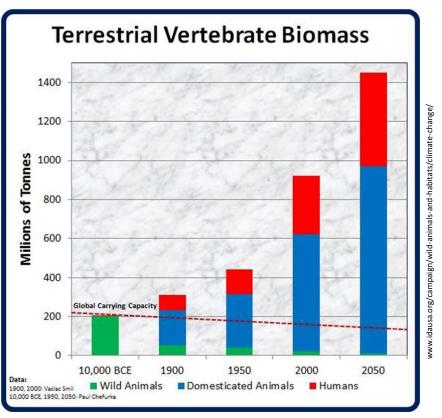






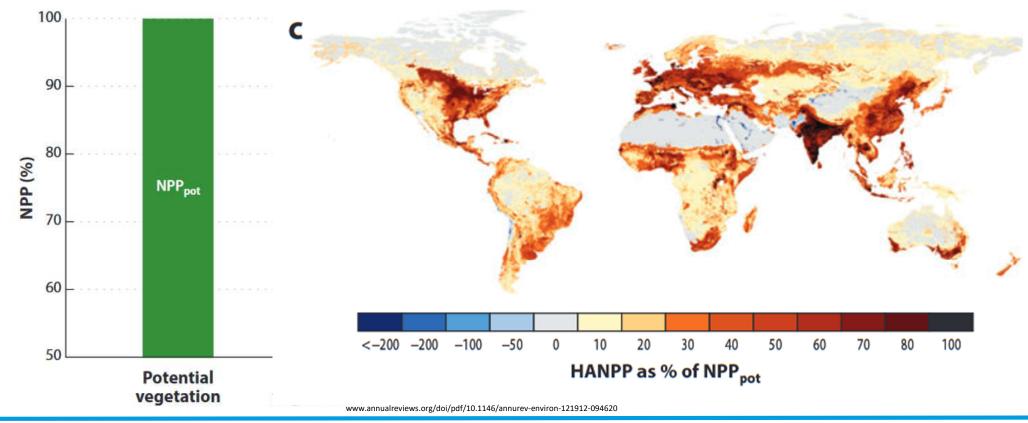






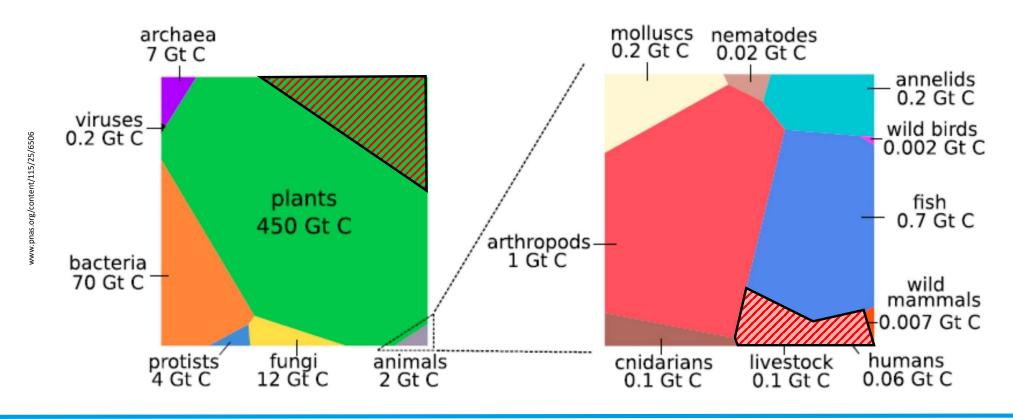








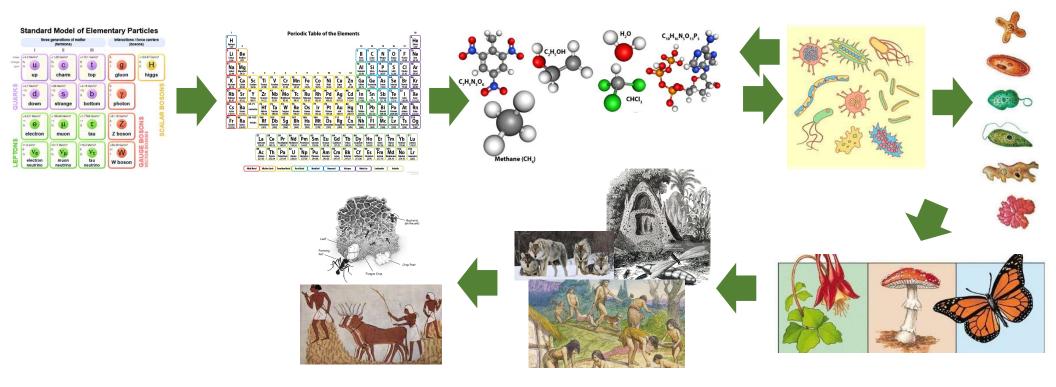








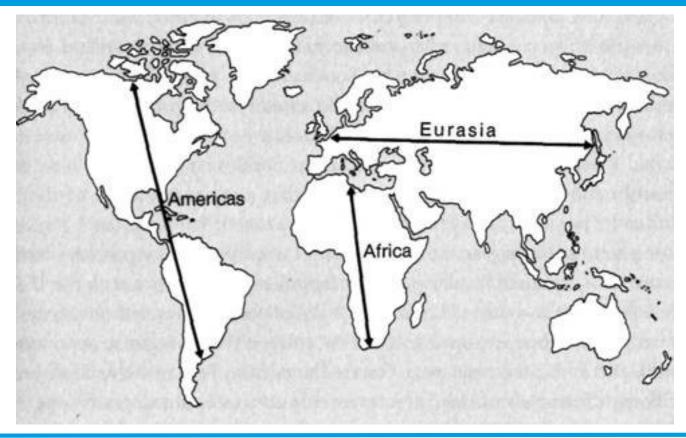
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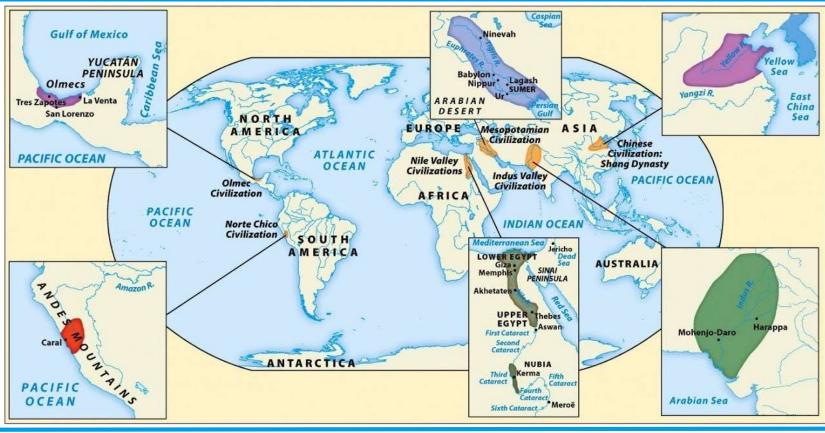
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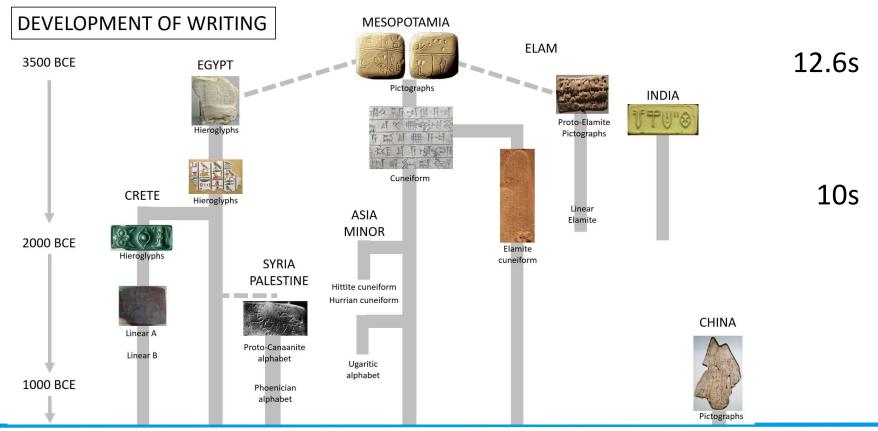
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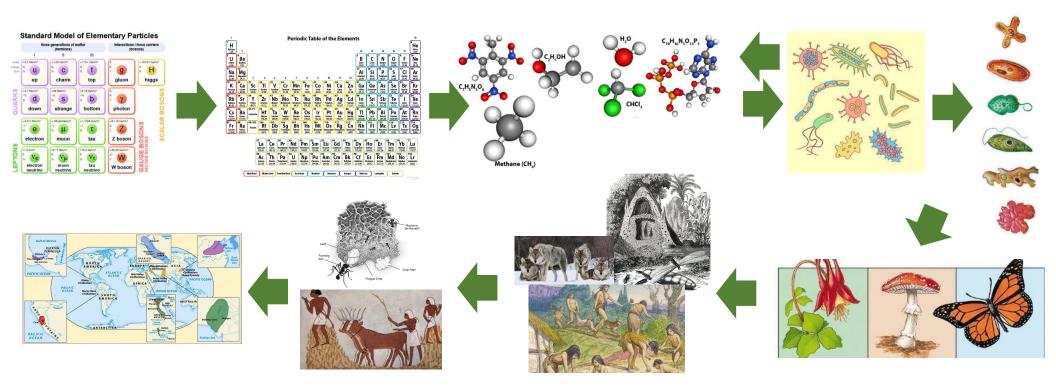
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Summary

Big bang	Stars	Planets	Life	Humans	Civilization
Spacetime Particles Nucleons Nucleus (light) Atoms	Stars Nucleus (heavy) White dwarfs Neutron stars Blackholes Stellar systems Galaxies Clusters	Molecules Environments (atmosphere, liquid medium, solid medium) Moon Plate tectonics	Replicator Cell Prokaryote Photosynthesis Eukaryote Multicellulars Land invasion Animals Mammals Eusociality	Primates Homo collective learning Language Tribes Out of Africa Tools	Religion Agriculture Agrovillages Civilizations Writing Money Law Globalization











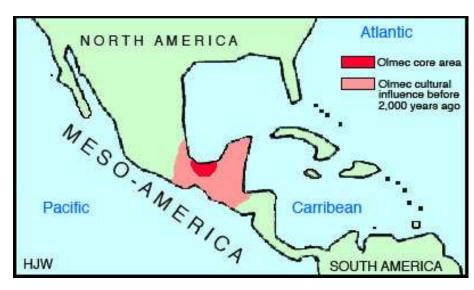












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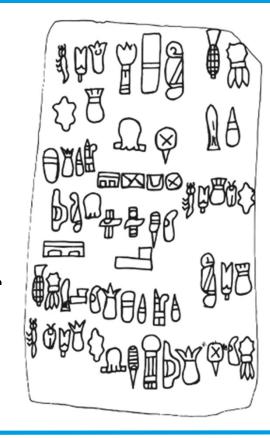
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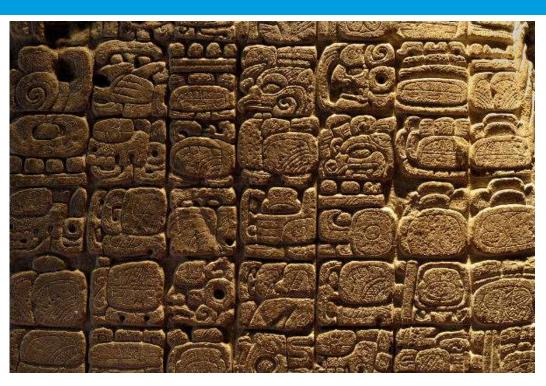




Third independent writing system

Cascajal block 900BCE



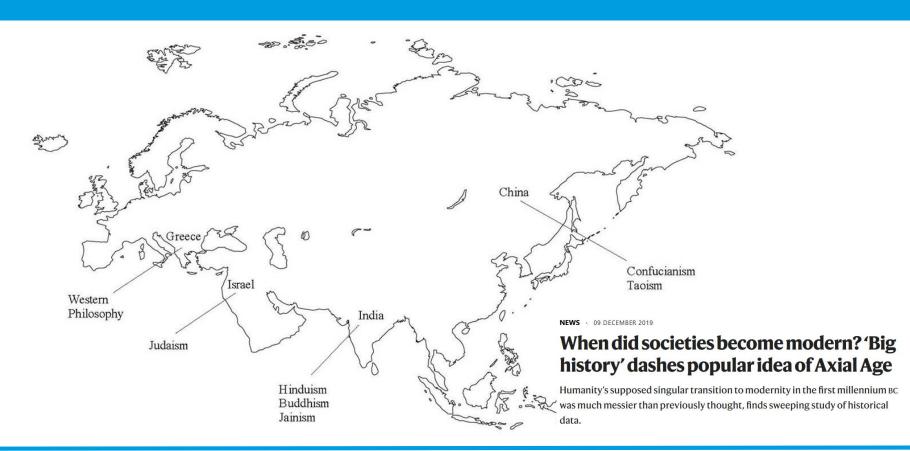


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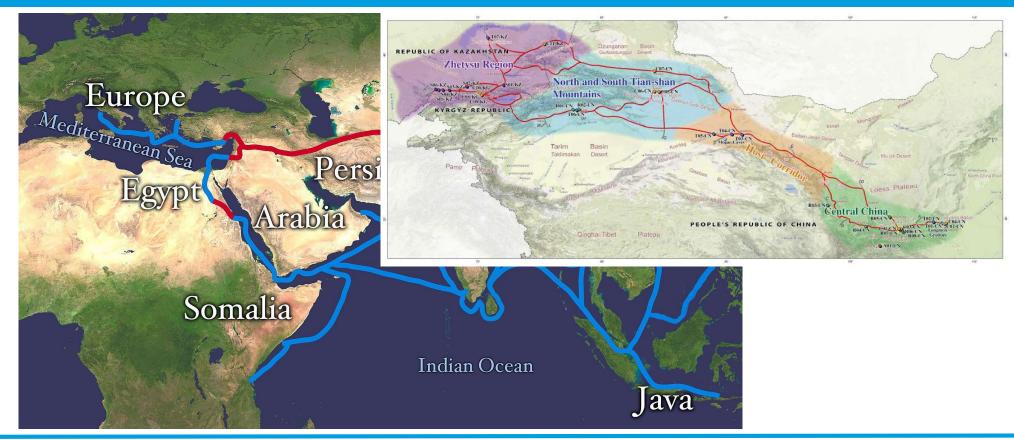


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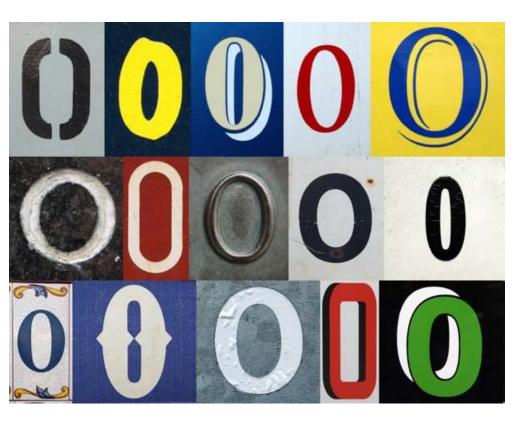








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Positional sytem → Algorithm

Supernova SN 185



"In the 2nd year of the epoch Zhongping [中平], the 10th month, on the day Kwei Hae [癸亥] [December 7, Year 185], a 'guest star' appeared in the middle of Nan Mun [asterism containing Alpha Centauri], The size was half a bamboo mat. It displayed various colors, and gradually lessened. In the 6th month of the succeeding year it disappeared."







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Promissory notes ——— Banknotes





New Zealand settlement

