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Development of Life Review

Cut out the squares from the following page. As you review the lesson on the history of life on earth, complete the table by pasting each square in the appropriate cell. Organize the "Era" column in order, with the most recent era at the top. The "Description" cell will contain more than one square.

Years Ago	Era	Description
65.5 million to today	Cenozoic	This is the current era. The Age of Mammals Mammals, birds, and pollinating insects spread over the earth. Mammals evolve into land, aquatic, and flying animals. Fossils from the top layers of the earth come from this era. The first human was born.
251 million to 65.5 million	Mesozoic	Include Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods. The first mammals appeared The Age of the Reptiles The first flowering plants appeared. Dinosaurs became extinct.
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