

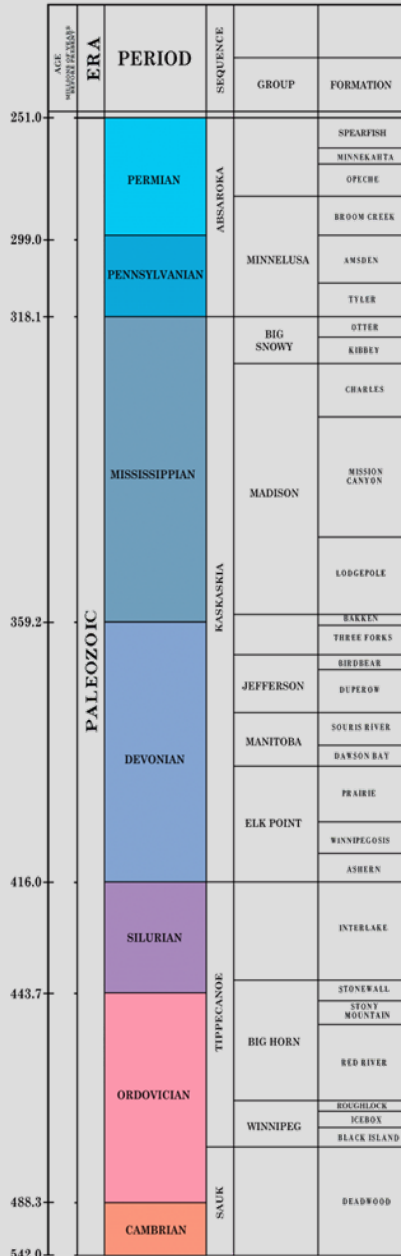
## North Dakota Geological Survey



### Paleozoic Era

**Age:** 542 to 251 million years before present.

The Paleozoic contains the record of geologic processes that fall between the first rapid and dramatic appearance of fossils produced by multi-celled animals and the largest mass extinction in Earth's history in which approximately 90% of all marine animal species became extinct.



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