



Length: up to 2 m Palaeozoic cephalopod with a long grooved body chamber. There existed more than 1000 species of this beautiful creature, some of which grew to two metres in length. It fed on smaller trilobites and lived at depths of around 400 metres.

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Length: 2 cm Small but very important creature. The oldest vertebrate i.e. the first organism with an endoskeleton and a primitive backbone.



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PTERYGOTUS

Length: up to 2 m A larger relative of the Eurypterus that lived on the Palaeozoic seabed until the Devonian period. It fed on small fish and trilobites, which it hunted using its long claws.



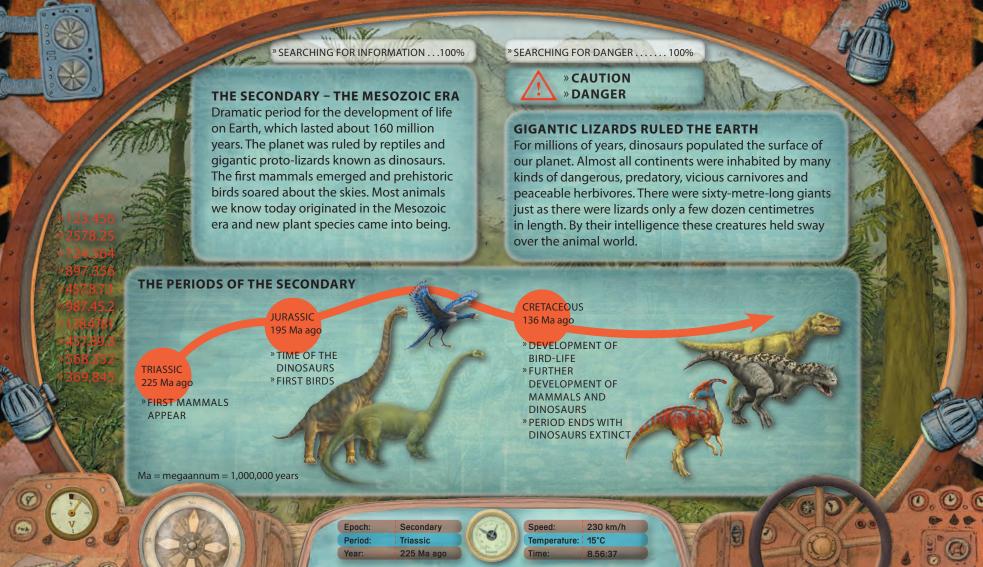
Length: 5 cm Small mollusc with a ribbed sclerite.

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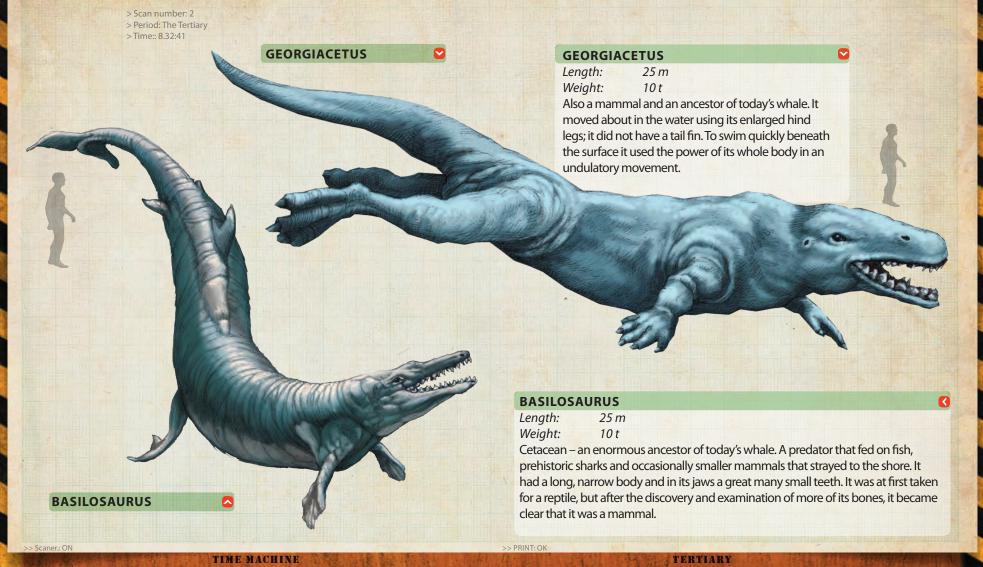
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TIME MACHINE - PREHISTORY

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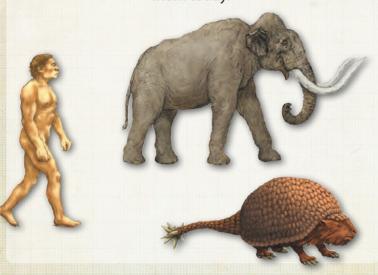
Life originated on our planet about 3,500 million years ago. Later simple plants and algae began to appear, as did the first invertebrates.

The era we know as the Palaeozoic began 570 million ago.



QUATERNARY

Shortest and most recent period of development of life on Earth. The Quaternary witnessed the advent and dramatic evolutionary development of humans and their ancestors. By the end of the period plants and animals attained the forms by which we know them today.



SECONDARY Dramatic period for the development of life on Earth, which lasted about 160 million years. The planet was ruled by reptiles and gigantic proto-lizards known as dinosaurs.

TERTIARY

The Tertiary marked the beginning of an era about 65 million years long that is known as the Cenozoic era. The Tertiary witnessed the dramatic evolution of mammals and the appearance of the first primates and monkeys.

