

THE MESOZOIC ERA TIMELINE

252 TO 66 MILLION YEARS AGO

TRIASSIC PERIOD

252 - 201 MYA

The Dawn of Dinosaurs

The emergence of the first true dinosaurs following the Permian extinction. The supercontinent Pangea begins to drift.

Coelophysis Herrerasaurus Plateosaurus Eoraptor

JURASSIC PERIOD

201 - 145 MYA

The Age of Giants

Warm, humid climates led to lush vegetation, allowing for the evolution of massive sauropods and feathered dinosaurs.

Brachiosaurus Stegosaurus Allosaurus Archaeopteryx Diplodocus

CRETACEOUS PERIOD

145 - 66 MYA

The Height of Diversity

The longest period of the Mesozoic. Diversification of flowering plants and specialized predators before the K-Pg extinction.

Tyrannosaurus Rex Triceratops Velociraptor Spinosaurus Parasaurolophus

FIELD NOTES / OBSERVATION: