

A Trip Through Geologic Time ▪ *Review and Reinforce*

The Geologic Time Scale

Understanding Main Ideas

Put the following items in order from oldest (1) to most recent (4) by writing a number in the blank beside each.

- _____ 1. Mesozoic Era
- _____ 2. Precambrian Time
- _____ 3. Cenozoic Era
- _____ 4. Paleozoic Era

Rewrite the following sentence to make it true.

5. Geologists subdivide periods into eras.

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 6. Why is the geologic time scale used to show Earth's history?
- 7. What methods did geologists use when they first developed the geologic time scale?
- 8. How did geologists decide where one division of the geologic time scale ends and the next begins?

Building Vocabulary

Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

- 9. Geologists divide the time between Precambrian Time and the present into three long units of time called _____.
- 10. The record of life forms and geologic events in Earth's history is called the _____.

