

GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF NEW YORK STATE AT A GLANCE

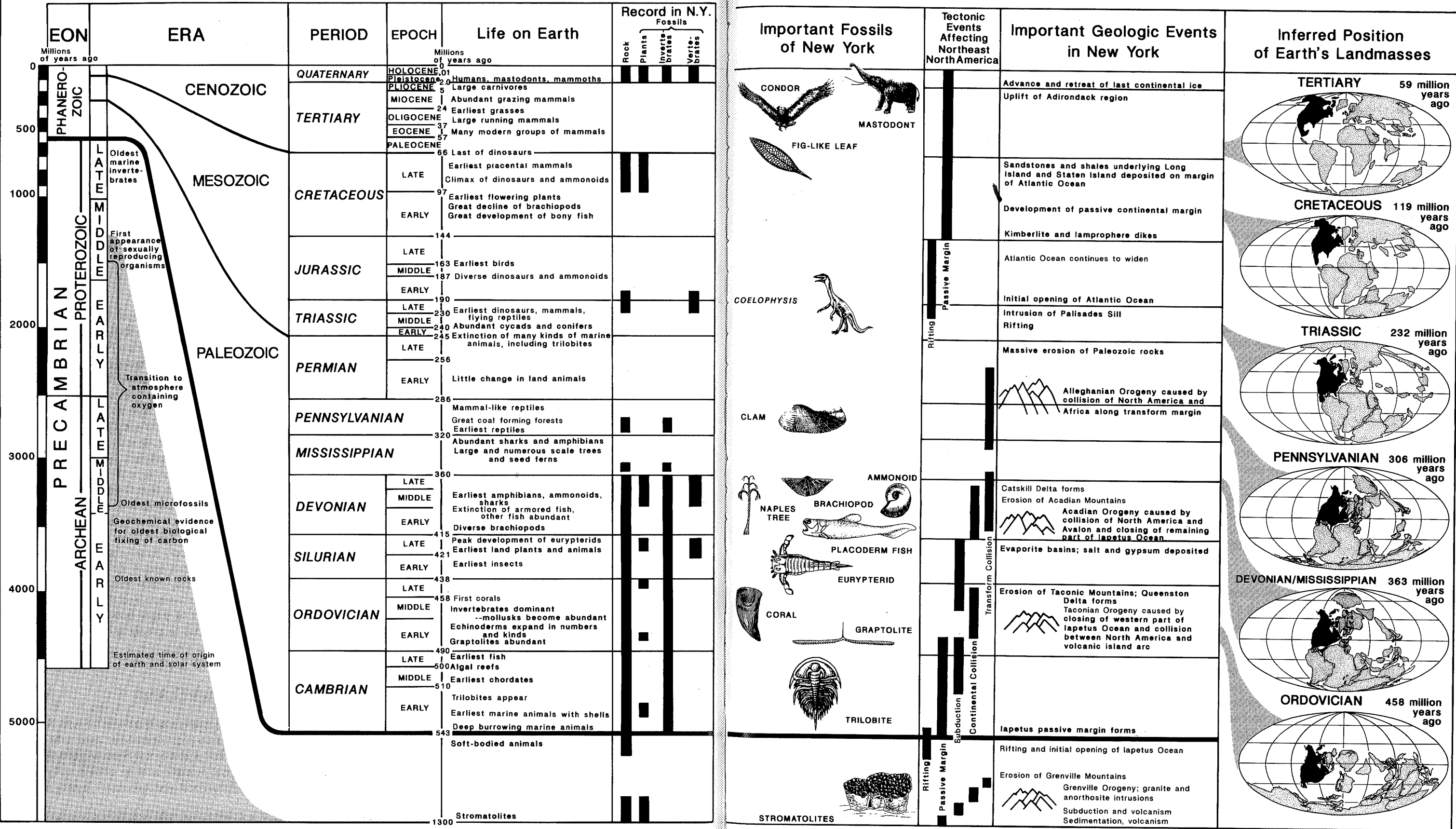


Figure 2.1. This figure includes the geologic time scale. In the left-hand part of the chart, the columns headed "EON," "ERA," "PERIOD," and "EPOCH" make up the relative time scale. The two columns headed "Millions of years ago" convert it to the quantitative time scale. The rest of the figure summarizes important events in the geo-

logic history of the world and of New York State. (The words used in the column "Tectonic Events Affecting Northeast North America" are explained in Chapter 3. The term transform collision refers to a collision that takes place along a transform margin.)