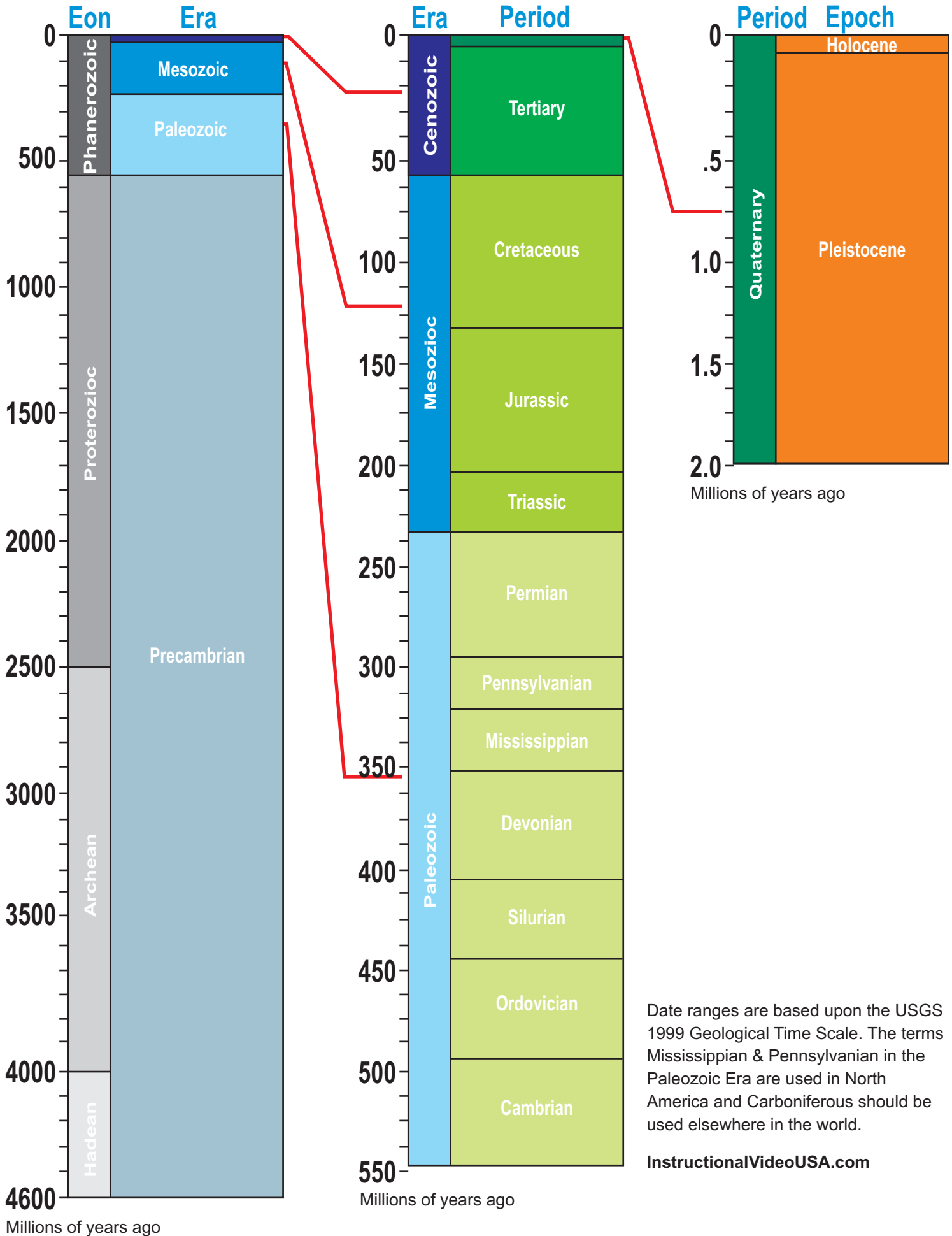


Geological Time Scale



Date ranges are based upon the USGS 1999 Geological Time Scale. The terms Mississippian & Pennsylvanian in the Paleozoic Era are used in North America and Carboniferous should be used elsewhere in the world.