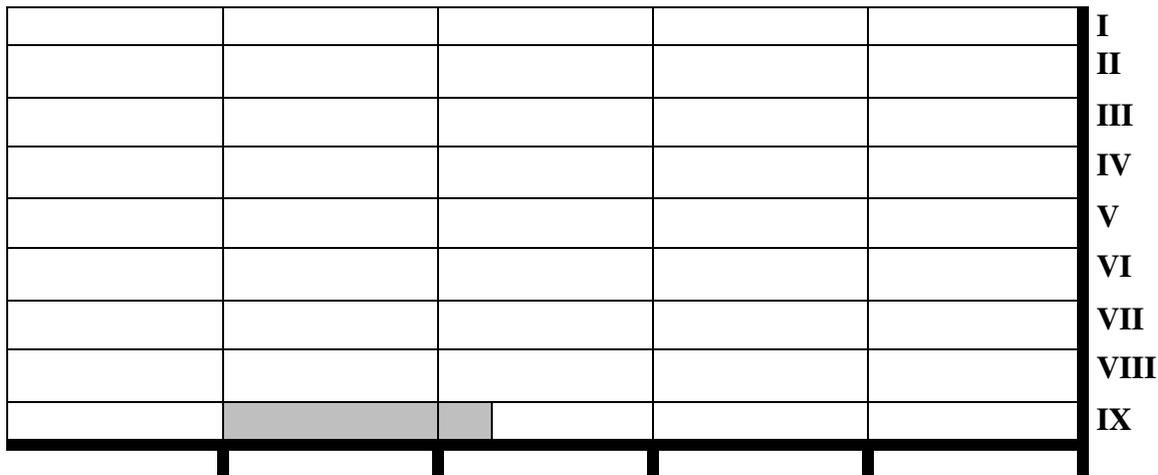


Geological Time Scale Guide

First, you should label the Geological Time Scale graph so that 0 years (= present time) is set far to the right on the x-axis, and each tick mark represents one million years ago (mya). Remember that we are going BACKWARDS in time, so it might help to think of the years as “negative” years from the present, i.e., 2 mya = - 2 million years from the present, hence further to the left on the x-axis.

You should then mark/shade with a pencil the following time periods on each bar of the graph starting with the top one – an example is provided for IX.

- (I) 160,000 years ago to present
- (II) 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
- (III) 1.8 to 0.2 mya
- (IV) 1.9 to 1.5 mya
- (V) 2.4 to 1.6 mya
- (VI) 3.0 to 2.4 mya
- (VII) 2.2 to 1.0 mya
- (VIII) 3.5 to 3.3 mya
- (IX) 4.0 to 2.7 mya



Geological Time Scale (mya)