



Cambria was the Roman name for Wales, where this Period's strata were identified. This period spans approximately 100 million years.

Rocks formed during Cambrian time contain the first abundant skeletal remains of higher invertebrates such as this trilobite shown in the foreground. Other arthropod-like animals and sponges were abundant in the shallow seas of Cambrian time. Geologically, this was a quiet time.

## Periods

● Quaternary

● Tertiary

● Cretaceous

● Jurassic

● Triassic

● Permian

● Carboniferous

● Devonian

● Silurian

● Ordovician

● Cambrian

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No widely accepted system of names or periods exists for Precambrian.



Click on the names of the periods to learn about them.

