

geologic age

geologic age . (a) The age of a fossil organism or of a particular geologic event or feature referred to the geologic time scale and expressed in terms either of years or centuries (*absolute age*) or of comparison with the immediate surroundings (*relative age*); an age datable by geologic methods. (b) The term is also used to emphasize the long-past periods of time in geologic history, as distinct from present-day or historic times. Cf: *age [geochron]*.

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