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Unit 8 Topic 1 Review

1. Define biogenesis: Life can only come from other living things (life from life)
2. Define spontaneous generation: The belief that life can come from nonliving matter
3. Complete the following table:
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4. Explain the importance of Miller and Urey's experiment (what did they demonstrate): The demonstrated that it was possible for organic molecules to form from inorganic molecules (they produced amino acids)
5. How did Miller and Urey simulate lightning in their chamber? Electric sparks
6. How old is Earth? 4.6 billion years
7. What type of cell evolved first and when? Prokaryotic cells (~3.5 billion years ago)
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8. What organism began adding oxygen to earth's early atmosphere? Blue green algae (cyanobacteria)
9. Explain the endosymbiotic theory: Small cell engulfs, but does not digest, smaller prokaryotic cell... the smaller cell lives within the larger one and acts as an organelle (mitochondria and chloroplast)
a. What evidence supports this theory? The mitochondria and chloroplast having their own circular DNA; the shape and structure of these organelles is the same as bacteria
10. Compare and contrast absolute dating with relative dating: Relative dating looks at the position of fossils in the sedimentary rock (estimate of age)
Absolute dating gives the exact age of a fossil using half-life of isotopes in fossil (carbon)
11. What animal life dominated the Paleozoic Era? Amphibians
12. What animal life dominated the Mesozoic Era? Reptiles
13. What animal life dominated the Cenozoic Era? Mammals
14. What is an angiosperm? Flowering plant
a. Why is it important? It influenced the evolution of birds and mammals
