

Map 25

History of the First Continents (3 Billion Years to the Present)

Map 25 demonstrates continental construction leading to the present day continents. Starting back three billion years ago, the first land mass was UR (*Shown in top left*). Around 2.5 billion years ago a new continent appeared which was called Arctica. After Arctica appeared, two new continents, Baltica and Atlantica, appeared 2 billion years ago. Over the course of time around 1.5 billion years ago Baltica and Arctica collided, forming a larger land mass named Nena (*Shown in top right*). As more time passed, UR and Atlantica plowed into the landmass Nena, making Nena, “an already large landmass” even larger. Adding to this landmass is an unknown terrain (*Labeled in white*). All of the landmasses pressed together make a super continent, named Rodina (*Shown in bottom left*). Now around 700 million years ago, the super continent of Rodina dispersed and Pangea formed. Leading to the present day continental layout, the landmasses separated and spread throughout the globe. Adding to the original four continents was once-submerged land that has now surfaced, which contributed a great deal to the formation of today’s continents (*Shown in bottom right*).

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