

## **Maps 26-28**

### **Trifold Showing the Breakup of Pangea**

Starting with Map 26, around 200 million years ago, you will see the landmass of Pangea. Pangea was a super continent containing all of the continents known today in one.

Now on Map 27, after 100 million years passed; the super continent of Pangea began to break apart. The cause of the breakup was initiated by the shifting of tectonic plates. As the continents began to disperse, Pangea was split in half around 150 million years ago. The northern half was named Laurasia and the southern half was named Gondwana.

Map 28 shows the present-day continental layout. This formation was crafted by the shifting of tectonic plates. You will see the continents could be stuck back together like a puzzle, to form Pangea once more. To this day, these tectonic plates have not finished moving.

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