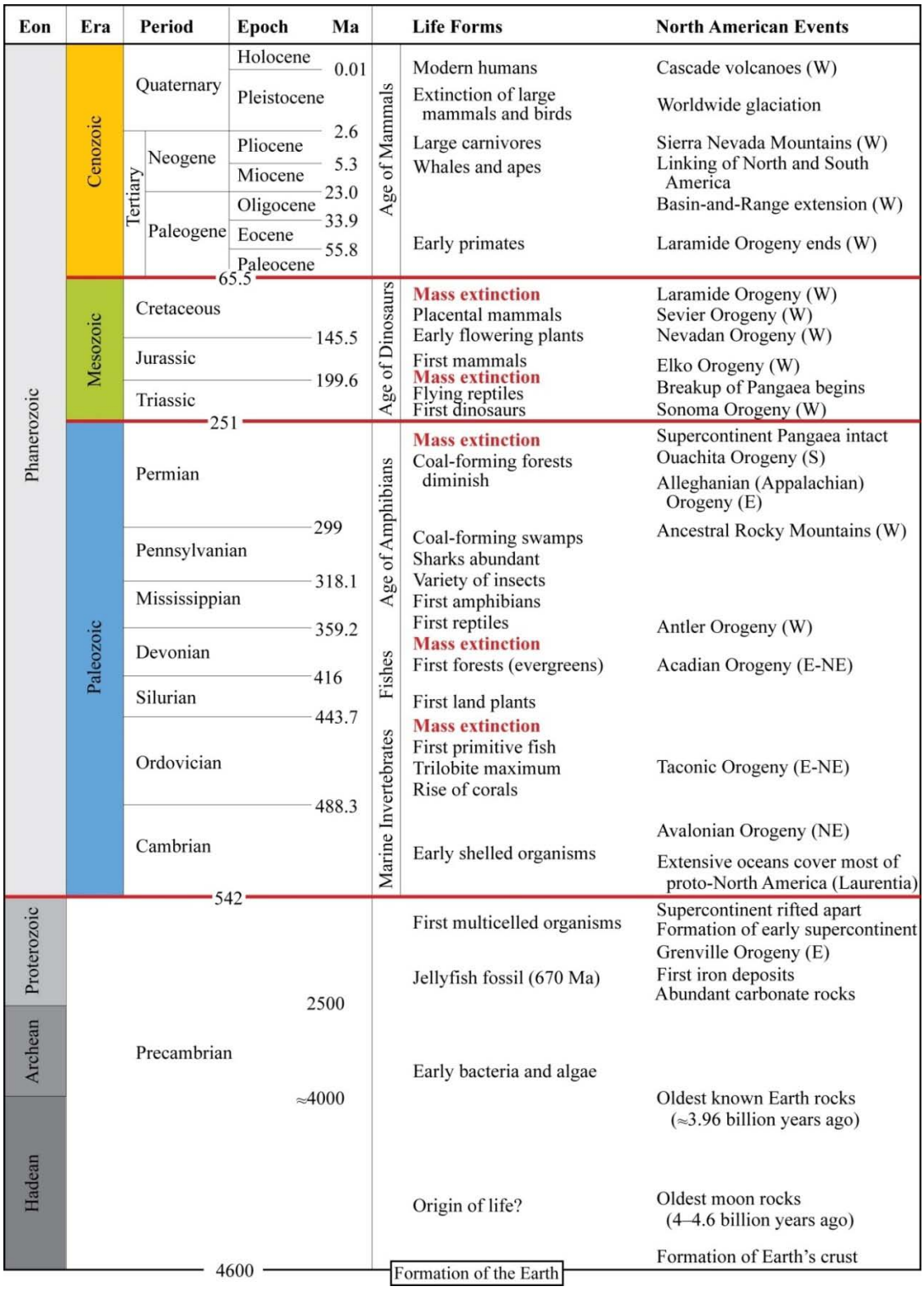

Figure 15. Geologic timescale. Included are major life history and tectonic events occurring on the North American continent. Red lines indicate major unconformities between eras. Radiometric ages shown are in millions of years (Ma). Compass directions in parentheses indicate the regional location of individual geologic events. Drafted by Trista Thornberry-Ehrlich (Colorado State University) with information from the U.S. Geological Survey (http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2007/3015) and the International Commission on Stratigraphy (http://www.stratigraphy.org/view/php?id=25).