



PENNSYLVANIAN 318 MILLION YEARS AGO

Michigan was muggy and hot. The swamps that formed on land were flooded repeatedly by the shallow seas. During the Pennsylvanian Period, Euramerica (Laurentia and Baltica) collided with Gondwana (Africa and South America) and this event pushed the young Appalachian Mountains to record heights. This collision also lifted the land up (in Michigan) and brought it permanently above sea level. The first primitive reptiles appeared during this Period.