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MILLION YEARS AGO

A new super-continent called Pangea formed into a shape like the letter C. The southern portion of Pangea called Gondwana was covered by a large ice sheet centered over the South Pole. The climate was drier and cooler than during previous Periods and parts of Pangea became covered with deserts. The giant plants of the wet and warm Pennsylvanian Period were replaced with conifers adapted to cooler and drier conditions.