



PLEISTOCENE EPOCH 2.6

MILLION YEARS AGO

In the Pleistocene Epoch, the continents were almost in their modern positions. During the numerous glacial and interglacial stages, ice sheets grew and retreated dozens of times. The last ice sheet extended from northern Canada to present day Iowa and Illinois. The glaciers gouged out the Great Lakes. Humans migrated to North America. Another mass extinction peaked about 13,000 years ago. Many species of mega fauna disappeared forever along with the Clovis culture of humans. Climate change, human hunting, and even meteorite impacts are all proposed explanations for the disappearance of the mega fauna.