



English I: Reading: Module 2: Lesson 3: Section 2

Annotate for Meaning

Highlighting

Instructions: Read Sagan's "Cosmic Calendar" below and choose just one term to highlight in the description of each date. Also choose 3–4 unfamiliar words to circle on the calendar.



A Hubble telescope photograph of a spiral galaxy

Source: Messier 66 in the Leo Triplet (captured by the Hubble Space Telescope), Wikimedia

PRE-DECEMBER DATES

Big Bang	January 1
Origin of the Milky Way Galaxy	May 1
Origin of the solar system	September 9
Formation of the Earth	September 14
Origin of life on Earth	~ September 25
Formation of the oldest rocks known on Earth	October 2
Date of oldest fossils (bacteria and blue-green algae)	October 9
Invention of sex (by microorganisms)	~ November 1
Oldest fossil photosynthetic plants	November 12
Eukaryotes (first cells with nuclei) flourish	November 15
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