



FIGURE 1-12 Geologic time scale. (From Palmer, A. R. 1983. *The decade of North American geology, geologic time scale*. *Geology* 11:503-504. Proterozoic divisions are those recommended by the Subcommittee on Precambrian Stratigraphy of the International Union of Geological Sciences: Plumb, K. A. *New Precambrian time scale*. *Episodes* 14(2):139-140.)