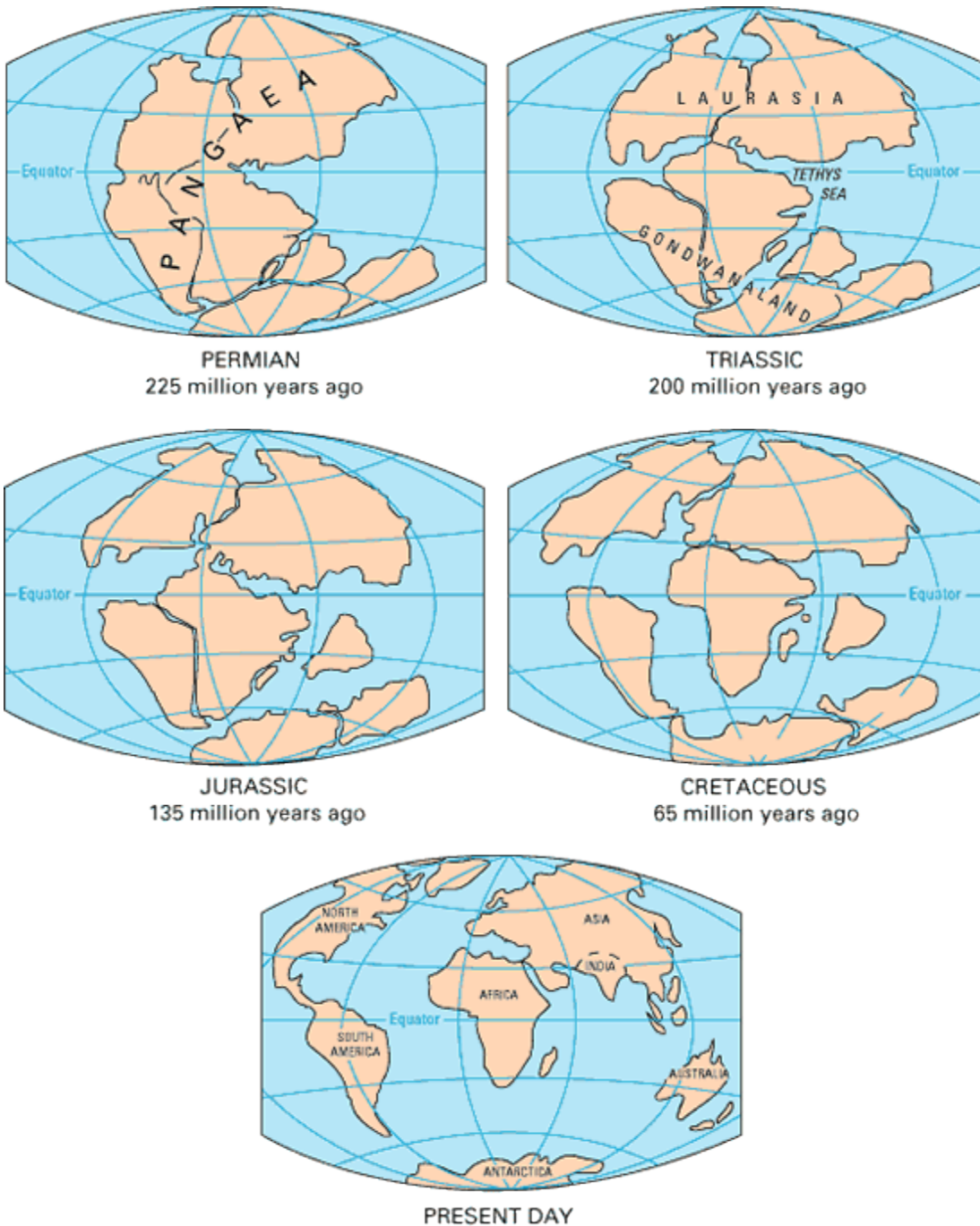


Pangaea Break-up Maps



The sequence of maps below show how a large **supercontinent**, known as Pangaea was fragmented into several pieces, each being part of a mobile plate of the lithosphere. These pieces were to become Earth's current continents. The time sequence show through the maps traces the paths of the continents to their current positions..

In the early 1900's Alfred Wegener proposed the idea of **Continental Drift**. His ideas centered around continents moving across the face of the earth. The idea was not quite correct - compared to the plate tectonics theory of today - but his thinking was on the proper track. In addition, a variant spelling of Pangaea is "**Pangea**". It appears in some textbooks and glossaries, however, Pangaea is the current preferred spelling.