Skills Worksheet

Reinforcement

Third Rock from the Sun

Complete this worksheet after you finish reading the section “The Earth Takes Shape.”

1. Complete the timeline about the development of Earth. Write each event listed below next to the correct time period.

   **Events**
   - Simple Plants move onto land
   - The upper mantle becomes
   - Contents start to grow
   - A global ocean covers Earth
   - Earth forms
   - Organisms carry out photosynthesis

   4.6 billion years ago
   4 billion years ago
   3.4 billion years ago
   2.5 billion years ago
   2.2 billion years ago
   1.5 billion years ago

2. How did the presence of organisms play a role in changing Earth’s atmosphere?

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