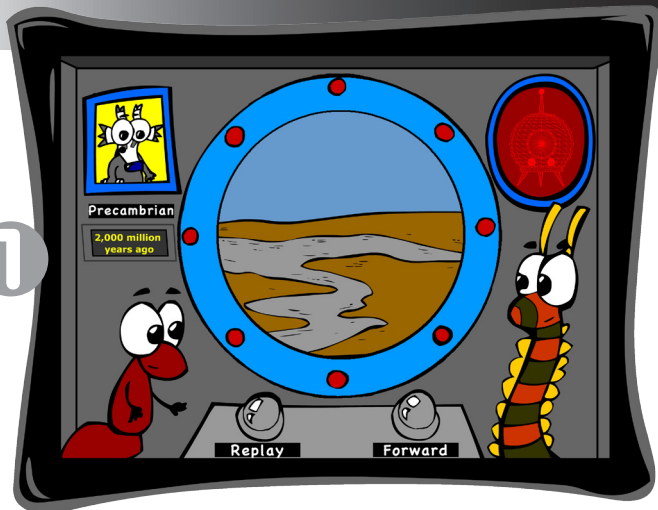
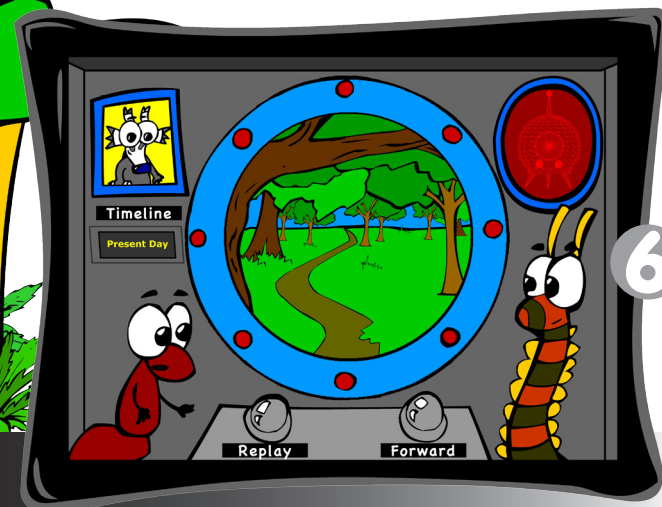
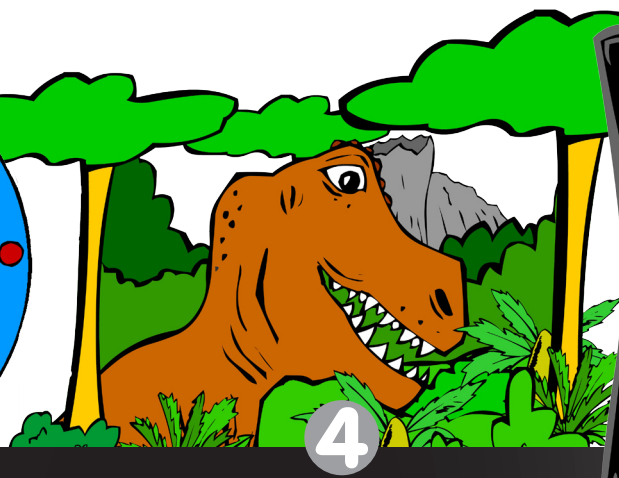
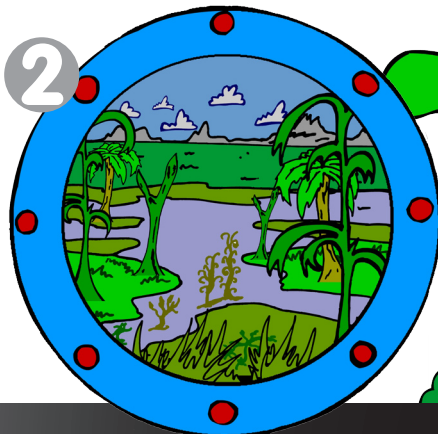




The Birth of soils

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Soils have changed hugely during this time as the climate has also changed. These are some important geological periods for soils.

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1. Precambrian

Soils were mainly greenish clays with little or no oxygen there are no plants and few organisms.

2. Devonian

Plants are becoming established and soil organisms begin to help develop the soils.

3. Carboniferous

With huge forests and swamps peat soils are formed which today's coal comes from. In hotter areas, desert soils form.

4. Jurassic

Large animals such as dinosaurs lived in this landscape. Sub tropical soils formed in the dense forests of pine and fern.

5. Ice Age

In some parts of the world there have been four ice ages in the last two million years. Temperatures fall and the soil freezes. Glaciers push soil like giant bulldozers.

6. Soils of today

Most modern soils have formed since the last ice age. Today soils are always developing

