Historical Timeline



**Learning outcome**: Students will be able to construct a time line on cash register tape to reconstruct the changes in organisms through time from single celled bacteria to multicellular mammals.

# **Georgia Performance Standards**

**SB5.** Students will evaluate the role of natural selection in the development of the theory of evolution.

- a. Trace the history of the theory
- b. Explain the history of life in terms of biodiversity, ancestry, and rates of evolution.

Materials: cash register tape, colored pencils, and textbook.

#### Additional learning outcomes:

### Total duration: 90 minutes

### **Procedure:**

- 1. Students will use the information in their textbook on pages 258-268 or on the inside cover at the back of the book as a replica of the timeline that they are constructing.
- 2. Students will measure the length of the timeline in the book.
- 3. Students will measure the same amount of cash register tape and cut it to equal the length of the time line in the book.
- 4. Students will produce a replica of the time line in the book using the same geological time periods, some representatives of the organisms that evolved during each time period, and make their timeline colorful.

# **Evaluation:**

A RUBRIC detailing the number of possible points for each measurable outcome will be used to evaluate each time line.