

**THE BIG BANG****CONCEPTS:**

- The big bang theory is based on two main sets of evidence: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- The big bang theory helps us describe how the components of the universe \_\_\_\_\_ and have \_\_\_\_\_ over time
- There is much about the universe that we still cannot explain

**A DAY WITHOUT YESTERDAY**

- Around 14 billion years ago there was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ in the universe
- There was not even a \_\_\_\_\_
- Except for an infinitely small, extremely hot point
- So small it occupied no space and was nearly infinitely dense
- This point is called the \_\_\_\_\_
- Then it exploded in what is known as the \_\_\_\_\_

**BIG BANG THEORY**

- A theory which describes the process by which our universe originated and evolved
- Proposed in 1927 by Belgian priest & physicist \_\_\_\_\_
- Later Edwin Hubble found evidence to support Lemaitre's theory.

**Timeline of the Big Bang**

- See Fig 4.43
- The universe begins ~13.7 billion years ago as a violent explosion
- 0 to  $10^{-43}$ s
  - Proposed that all four fundamental forces are all have the same strength and are possibly unified into one fundamental force
- $10^{-43}$  to  $10^{-36}$ s
  - \_\_\_\_\_ appears as a separate force
  - first \_\_\_\_\_ particles appear (quarks, leptons, etc)
- $10^{-36}$  to  $10^{-12}$ s
  - Strong Nuclear Force, Weak Nuclear Force and Electromagnetic Force appear as separate forces
  - Universe undergoes extremely rapid expansion called \_\_\_\_\_
- $10^{-12}$  to  $10^{-6}$ s
  - Universe cools below 10 quadrillion degrees, quarks, electrons and neutrinos form in large numbers
  - Quarks and antiquarks annihilate each other. Fortunately for every billion antiquarks there are a billion and one quarks. Surplus quarks combine to form matter.
- $10^{-6}$  to 1 second
  - Universe cools to about a trillion degrees
  - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ form
- 1 second to 20 minutes - \_\_\_\_\_
  - temperature falls to about a billion degrees and hydrogen, helium, and lithium atomic nuclei form
- 20 minutes to 300,000 years

- temperature falls to around 3,000 (about same as surface of the Sun).  
Universe is a fog consisting 75% H, 25% He, trace amounts of lithium
- 300,000 to 150 million years - \_\_\_\_\_
  - after the formation of the first atoms but before the first stars
- 150 million to 500 million years onwards - age of \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ amplifies slight irregularities in the density of primordial gas. Gas clouds become increasingly more dense and collapse under their own gravity eventually getting hot enough for nuclear \_\_\_\_\_, creating the first stars.
  - larger volumes of matter collapse to form \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.6 billion years ago (~9 billion years after the Big Bang)
  - Our Solar System forms

**Your Mission**

- Read Topic 4.4 Concept 2 p. 360-361
- Start Workbook Questions Topic 4.4
- Read Investigation 4D The Age of the Universe p.366/367 for tomorrow