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PREHISTORIC MAMMALS OF THE CENOZOIC WEBQUEST

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Herbivores and the grass root movement:

1. How long ago did the herbivore and grass root movement start? _____
2. Choose two skulls from Case #16

Common Name	Species Name	Period	Location	Sketch Fossil

Horse Before the cart

1. In the Pleistocene, what group of horses began to evolve? _____. What are these horses related to? _____
2. _____
What characteristics did they have? _____

Carnivores - Diversify and Conquer

1. What sorts of animals are considered carnivores?

2. How many years ago was the first carnivorous animal found? _____

Pleistocene Extinctions- Close encounters with mankind

1. How many years ago did humans begin migrating to North America? _____
2. Which animals did humans impact by migrating to Northern America? _____
3. Using the case index: What is the most common location the Pleistocene animal skulls were found, and what are names of the three fossil species from this era?

Giants- What's the big idea?

1. Identify three mammals that hit a gigantic size during the Cenozoic period.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Why didn't other animals grow so large? _____
3. Name the two locations these giant mammals were found by clicking on case index #18
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

Proboscideans- Unforgettable Faces

1. How many species of elephants existed in the past? _____
2. Generally, how many species of elephants remain today? _____