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An infinite canvas in time

Origins of Human Beings
Origins of Life
Origins of Chemical Complexity
Origins of the Earth and Solar System
Origins of Agriculture
Origins of Modern World

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The primary goal of ChronoZoom is to make time relationships between different studies of history clear and vivid. To do this, it unifies a wide variety of data, media, and historical perspectives. ChronoZoom is built using HTML5, so that it works on a wide range of browsers and devices. It is powered by Windows Azure for flexibility and scalability. The project is hosted by the Outercurve Foundation, which promotes and accelerates the development of open-source community projects.

ChronoZoom can smoothly zoom from a single day all the way back to the Big Bang 13.7 billion years ago—a total zoom factor of 5 trillion. It provides a framework by which historians, researchers, and students can examine historical and scientific events, trends, and themes.

Because ChronoZoom is intended for anyone interested in the emerging field of Big History, or in any of the component historical regimes (cosmology, astronomy, geology, paleontology, evolutionary biology, archaeology, and historiography), it may become the critical, first-response tool for educators and students of all branches of history, and for the general public.

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