Pangaea: 250 Million Years Ago



About 250 million years ago, almost all of Earth's land was joined in one supercontinent, Pangaea ("all lands"). One giant ocean, Panthalassa, surrounded it. Pangaea later split into Laurasia in the north and Gondwana in the south, and those pieces drifted apart into the continents we know today. Colors show today's continents.

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