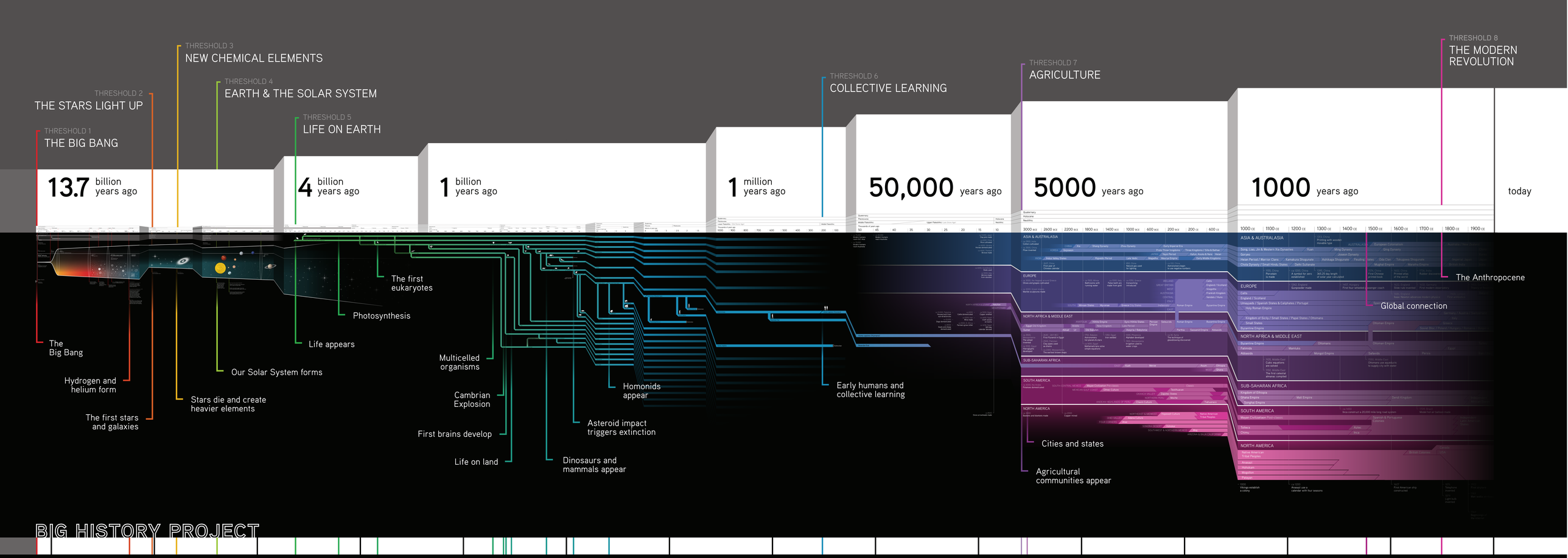
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THE BIG BANG
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THE STARS LIGHT UP
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NEW CHEMICAL ELEMENTS
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LIFE ON EARTH
THRESHOLD 6
COLLECTIVE LEARNING
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AGRICULTURE
THRESHOLD 8
THE MODERN REVOLUTION
13.7 billion years ago
4 billion years ago
1 billion years ago
1 million years ago
50,000 years ago
5000 years ago
1000 years ago
today
The Big Bang
Hydrogen and helium form
The first stars and galaxies
Stars die and create heavier elements
Our Solar System forms
Life appears
Photosynthesis
The first eukaryotes
Multicelled organisms
Cambrian Explosion
First brains develop
Life on land
Dinosaurs and mammals appear
Asteroid impact triggers extinction
Homonids appear
Early humans and collective learning
Cities and states
Agricultural communities appear
Global connection
The Anthropocene
ASIA & AUSTRALASIA
EUROPE
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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
SOUTH AMERICA
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