

The End of the Universe?

Scientists have given a series of fun names to theories about the universe's end - none of which are thought to occur for hundreds and hundreds of years.

The Big Freeze



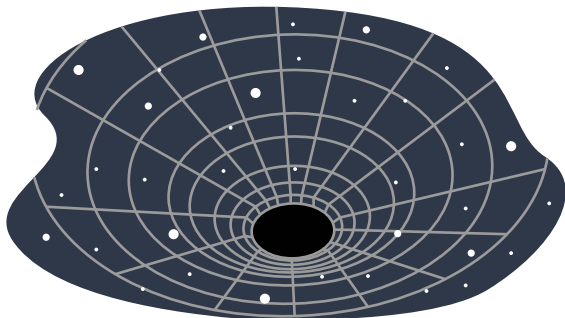
As our universe continues to expand, it will continue to cool. Eventually, this could potentially lead to the universe becoming too cold to sustain life.

The Big Rip

The expanding universe could cause all matter to be torn apart once the force of the expansion becomes too great.



The Big Crunch



Constant expansion will eventually lead the universe to collapse, ending in a single black hole.

The Big Bounce

This theory combines the Big Bang with the Big Crunch. According to it, our universe continues to “bounce” back and forth between a Big Bang and a Big Crunch. After this universe collapses, ending all life, expansion will help bring about a new cycle of life.

Creative Writing

It's one million years in the future, and the universe is about to end. What's happening? Why is the universe ending? What will happen to everyone? Be creative and descriptive.

If you knew the universe was going to end soon, what THREE things would you want to do before it all ended, and why? Pretend money is not an issue.

You're in a spaceship traveling toward the edge of the universe. When you finally reach the edge, what is there? Tell a story about your travels to the end of the universe and what you found there.
