**Big Bang Steps: Correct Order!**

**Step 1: Step 2: Step 3: Step 4: Step 5:**

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| **Singularity**: All matter in the universe was pressed into a single tiny point about 1,000 times smaller than a period. It was ***really*** hot and ***really*** dense. | **Inflation**: the point started expanding ***really*** fast, in all directions. It got much cooler and much less dense. It only took about a billionth of a trillionth of a second. | Inflation slowed down, and the universe got even cooler, and matter started to stick together to form protons and neutrons, and eventually the protons and neutrons started sticking together to form atoms.  | Stars and galaxies start to form from clumps of gas | Our solar system formed |