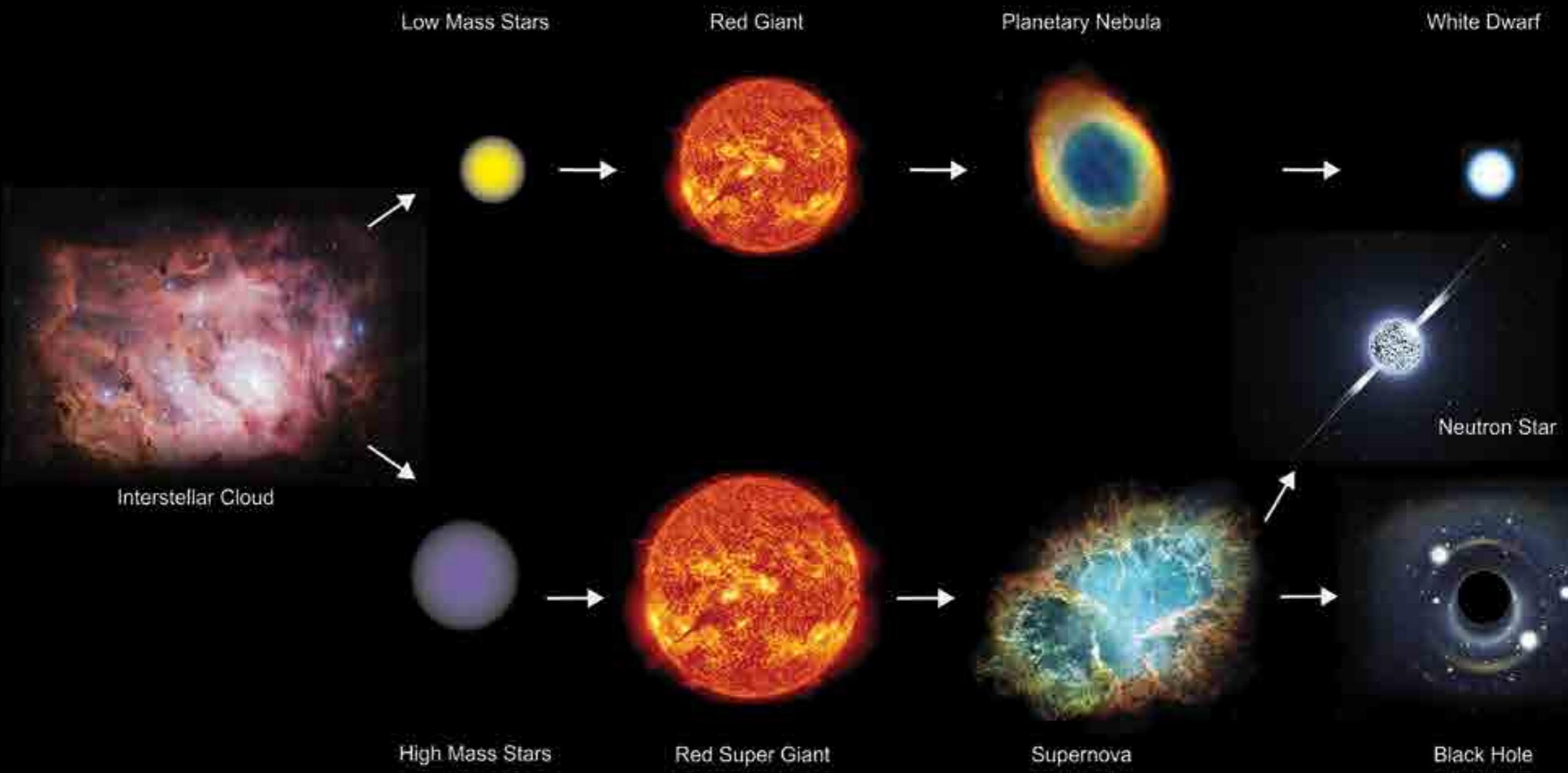


# Evolution of Stars

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The mass of a star dictates its life. Low mass stars live long, ending their life in a puffy slow explosion called a planetary nebula. A white dwarf is what remains of it. High mass stars live comparatively shorter lives, ending their lives in violent supernova explosions, leaving behind either a neutron star or a black hole.



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