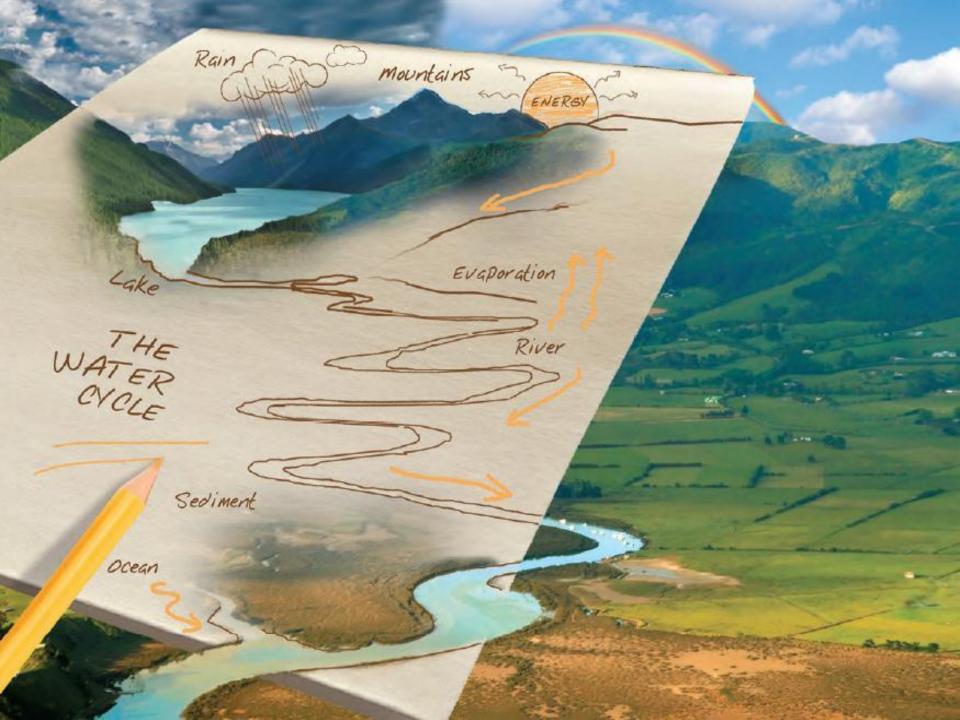




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Chapter Twenty-Three: How Water Shapes the Land

- 23.1 Weathering and Erosion
- 23.2 Shaping the Land
- 23.3 Sedimentary Rocks



Chapter 23.3 Learning Goals

- Describe the role of weathering and erosion in creating sedimentary rock.
- Explain how the relative age of sedimentary rock layers can be determined.
- Identify features of sedimentary rocks.

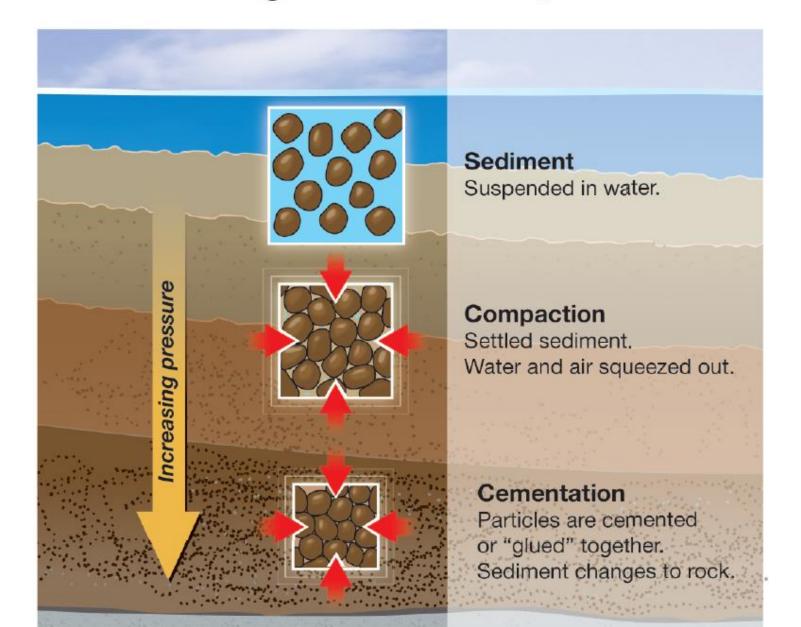


23.3 Sedimentary rocks

- * Sedimentary rocks are formed from pieces of broken down rock.
- * Sedimentary rocks cover 75% of the <u>land area</u> in many places.



Forming Sedimentary Rocks





13.3 Sedimentary Rocks

- * Sedimentary rocks are identified by the size of the particles that form them.
 - 1. mudstone
 - 2. sandstone
 - 3. conglomerate

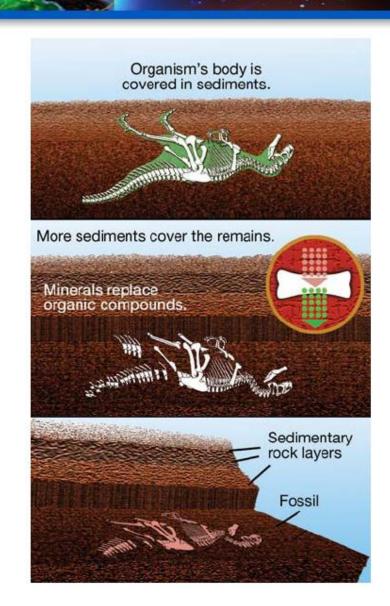
Rock Type	Particle Size (mm)	Sediment
mudstone	< 0.06	clay or silt
sandstone	0.06–2	sand
conglomerate	> 2	gravel



23.3 Sedimentary Rocks

- * Most fossils are found in sedimentary rock layers.
- * Sedimentary rocks hold clues to the past.

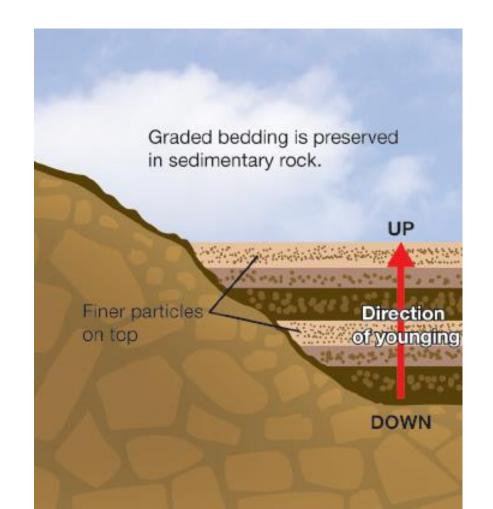
Where might organisms get covered by sediments?





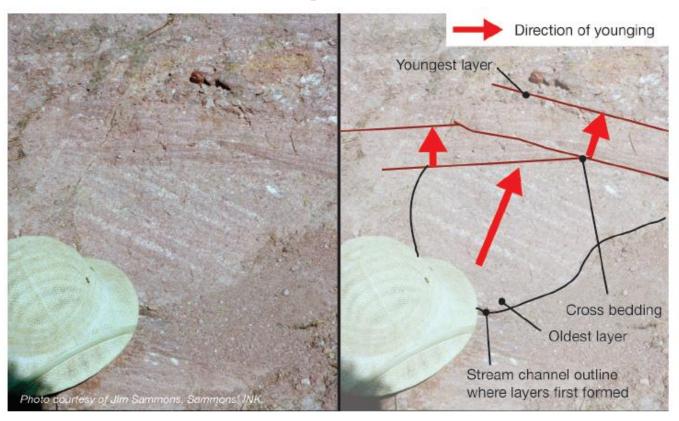
23.3 Interpreting layers of sediment

- * Sedimentary rocks hold clues to their past.
- If you know the up direction, you know the direction of younging—this is the direction of younger layers.





23.3 Interpreting layers of sediment



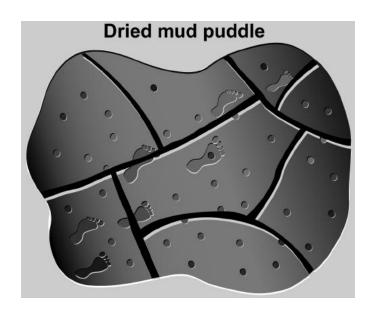
 * Cross bedding, is easy to recognize in sedimentary rocks where one layer ends and another layer passed over it.



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Sedimentary Rock and Relative Dating

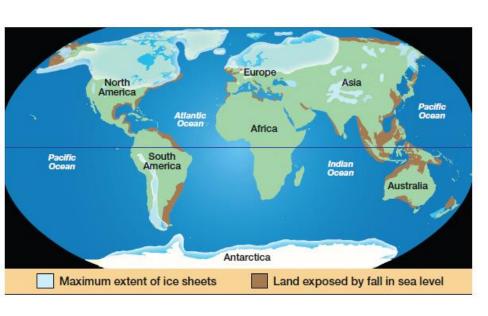
- Key Question:
 - How does relative dating tell a story?







Glaciers: Movers and Shakers



 A shift of just a few degrees has a dramatic effect on glaciers.

 These ice sheets have advanced and retreated many times during the current cycle of ice ages that began around two million years ago.