

## **Lesson 2-2 Vocabulary**

- **Uniformitarianism**- a principle that geologic processes that occurred in the past can be explain by current geologic processes.
- **Relative age**- the age of an object in relation to the ages of other objects.
- **Law of superposition**- the law that a sedimentary rock layer is older than the layers above it and younger than the layers below it if the layers are not disturbed.
- **Unconformity**- a break in the geologic record created when rock layers are eroded or when sediment is not deposited for a long period of time.
- **Law of Crosscutting Relationships**- the principle that a fault or body of rock is younger than any other body of rock that it cuts through.