Which Way Do the Fossils Point?

You already know that fossils are the remains of ancient living things. But did you know that we can find out about the past from looking at where they are today? Today you will be observing fossils at the Gatun Formation.

We will first learn how to use a compass. A compass is a tool used to find the direction on the surface of the earth: north, south, east, or west. To determine the direction, just hold the compass flat and turn it so that the red part of the needle lines up with north, N. From there, look at the front of your fossil and the numbers on the compass. How many degrees

