Period 3 Intro Narration: (Captions Transcript)

Narrator: A field of boulders in the middle of the woods. Lines scratched into solid rock. Massive boulders on the beach. Ridges that are steeper on one end than the other. Bedrock polished mirror-smooth. These natural geologic features in three different parts of Connecticut were all shaped by the same powerful forces. What do they have in common, and how did they come to look like this today?

In this Virtual Field Investigation, you are the geologist. Just like a geologist uses clues from the present to figure out the past, your challenge is to figure out what happened in the past that caused the geologic features you can observe today.

If you look and listen carefully you should be able to pick up a number of clues. You’ll be able to use tools to help you along the way, such as a compass tool, various maps, magnification and more.

We’ll take you into the field and spend a little more time looking at each of the three CT field sites. Along the way, you should write down important information in your journal to help you put the clues together. If you are in a classroom, your teacher can help answer questions and may provide you with other clues along the way as well.

OK, let’s go... First stop – Rocky Neck State Park!