

# Notes: Earthquakes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I. An earthquake is...

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A. Earthquakes can be caused by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ built up along boundaries \_\_\_\_\_

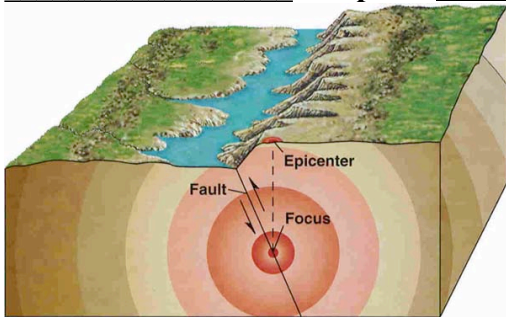
II. A fault is...

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A. **Friction between plates prevents them from moving**, so strain builds up. **The rock deforms.** Eventually, the strain becomes great enough that the rock moves, and returns to normal shape. This causes an earthquake (\_\_\_\_\_).

III. \_\_\_\_\_: the **point at which the rock first breaks and moves** in an earthquake.  
**Below the surface (Remember: "Deep in Focus")**

\_\_\_\_\_ : the **point on the earth's surface directly above the focus.**

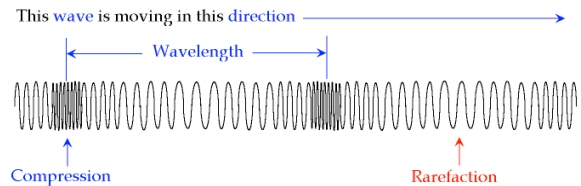


## IV. Seismic Waves

A. The energy released in an earthquake travels in waves. **There are three types of seismic waves:**

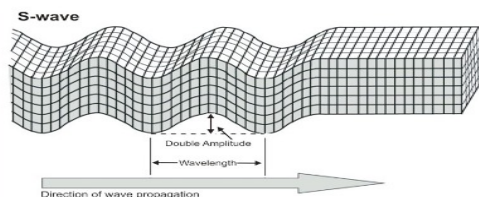
### V. Primary Waves

- Called \_\_\_\_\_
- Compression waves **squeeze and stretch** rock \_\_\_\_\_
- Can **travel through any material** \_\_\_\_\_
- Travel the \_\_\_\_\_



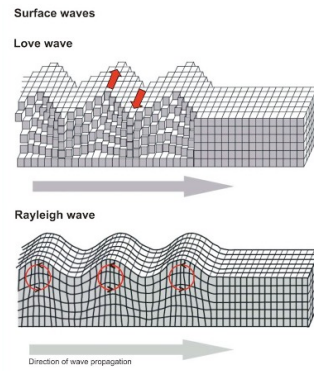
### VI. Secondary Waves

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Can travel **only** through \_\_\_\_\_  
(**not** through liquids or gasses)
- Travel a little more than \_\_\_\_\_



## VII. Surface Waves

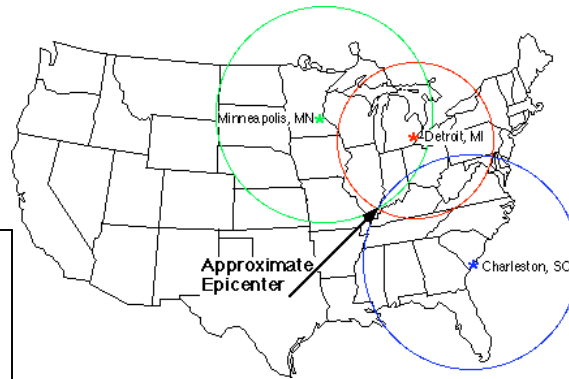
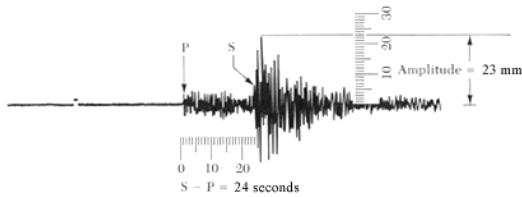
- Seismic waves that \_\_\_\_\_
- When **P and S waves reach the surface** they make \_\_\_\_\_
- Two types: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



## VIII. Locating Earthquakes

Seismograph: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Triangulation:**

Using the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**The S-P Time Interval** is the

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Because **P waves and S waves travel at different speeds**, the difference in their arrival times can be used to determine the **DISTANCE** away an earthquake occurred.

**IX. Earthquake Magnitude:** \_\_\_\_\_

Measured by the \_\_\_\_\_ by **Charles Richter**,

Each increase in number represents **10X (ten times)** an increase in power.

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

**X. Earthquake Hazards:**

**Fire:**

Many utility lines and roads get damaged.

**Liquefaction:**

**Tsunamis:**

Are caused by \_\_\_\_\_ that make a big wave.