# Earthquake Notes

## 8th grade Anchor Questions Week 35 (May 12-16)

#### Constructed Responses

- 1. What is precession?
- 2. What is eccentricity (in Earth's orbit)?
- 3. What is obliquity (in Earth's tilt)?
- How do ice ages happen? (This is a long answer)
- 5. Explain Michigan's geologic history
- Describe the extent of the last iceage in North America and indicate that on a map
- 7. How did the ice sheet from the last ice age shape the surface and major landforms in Michigan?

#### Skills:

- o Identify major Michigan rivers on a map
- o Identify main watersheds in Michigan
- Describe and indicate the flow of Great Lakes water out to sea

## **Earthquakes Intro**

#### **Facts**

- Occur when plates move
- Occur at all plate boundaries (convergent, divergent & transform)
- Occur at faults in the middle or within plates
- Have different intensities-RICHTER scale

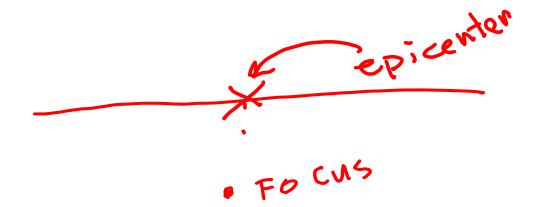
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## **Earthquakes Terms**

Fault- crack in the Earth's crust

Focus- where the earthquake actually happens. It is deep underground.

Epicenter- place DIRECTLY above focus

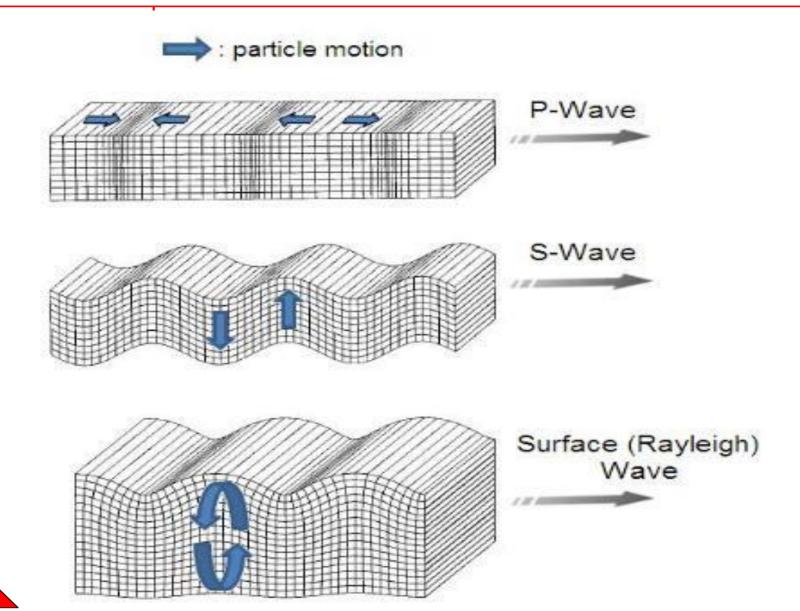


## **Types of Seismic Wave**

A seismic wave is a "mechanical wave" that transfers the energy from the moving crust. The wave always starts at the focus of the earthquake There are three types of seismic waves:

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## **Types of Seismic Wave**

P- wave: the FIRST (primary) wave that is felt. Its motion is from side to side

S-wave: the SECOND (secondary) wave that is felt. Its motion is up and down.

Surface Wave: is felt only when soil and ground have certain properties. Example: sandy soils, this causes a "rolling" motion