

Formative Assessment #1

**Concept(s)
Addressed**

Movement at plate boundaries produces different types of faults: normal, reverse/thrust, and strike-slip. Exposed rock layers indicate the type of fault. California has a strike-slip fault where constant movement occurs over millions of years (San Andreas) on the transform boundary between the Pacific and North American Plate.

Time

30 minutes

Materials

Individual

Prompt

**Advance
Preparation**

1. Duplicate prompt for each student.

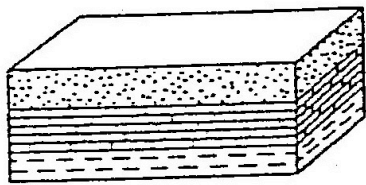
Procedure:

1. Tell students they will have an opportunity to share what they understand about using models to explain different types of faults.
2. Distribute the prompt to each student and ask him/her to do his/her best work.

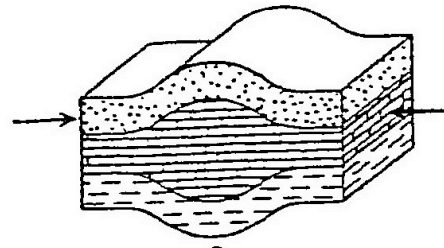
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Directions: Use your notes to label each diagram with the type of stress indicated and the type of fault.

Rock Stress



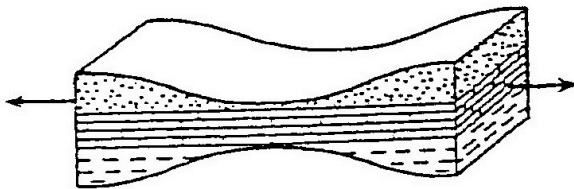
Before stress



Stress

Fault is

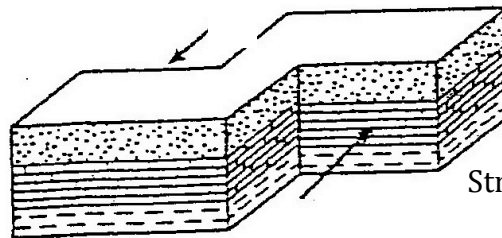
A



B

Stress

Fault is



C

Stress

Fault is

Directions: Use the terms in the word bank and the diagram below to answer the following questions. Be sure to use complete sentences.

tension	normal fault	reverse/thrust fault	compression
strike-slip fault	model	plate boundaries	shearing

1.

Explain the movement of a normal fault. Use your notes and class activities as evidence to support your explanation.

Justified Multiple Choice

Directions: Please circle the best answer and explain why it is the best answer using science terms.

- 2. San Andres fault
 - a. takes energy out of rock.
 - b. adds energy to the rock.
 - c. changes the rock's volume.
 - d. makes the rock harder.

“Science reason”: _____

- 3. Which type of stress force produces reverse faults?
 - a. shearing
 - b. tension
 - c. compression
 - d. deformation

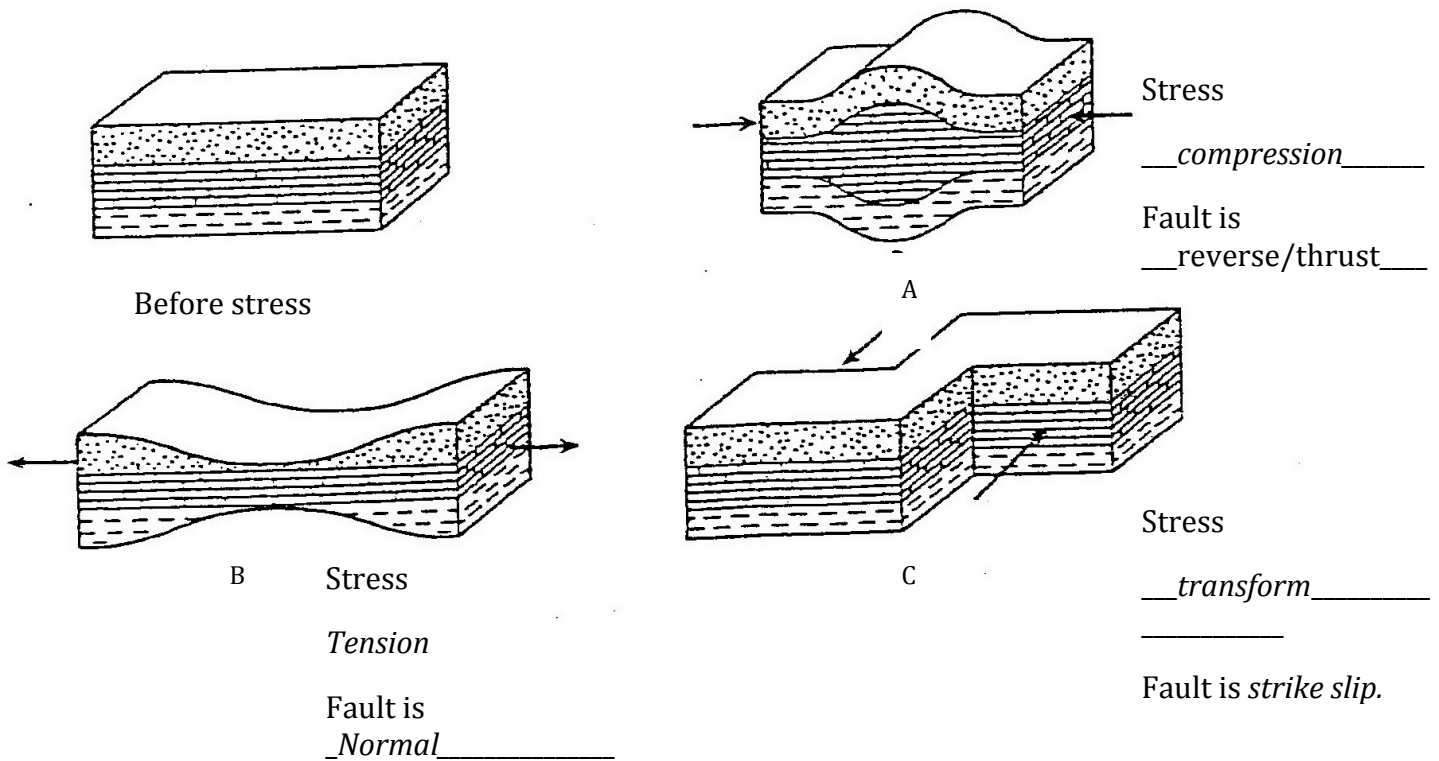
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Normal fault is caused by tension at the plate boundary causing rocks to crack. One rock layer moves down away from the other.

Justified Multiple Choice

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2. San Andres fault
 - e. takes energy out of rock.
 - f. adds energy to the rock.
 - g. changes the rock's volume.
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“Science reason”: _____ *Tectonic pressure is putting energy into the rock until it moves at the plate boundary.*

3. Which type of stress force produces reverse faults?
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“Science reason”: _____ *Compression of the rocks causes one rock layer to move up as it is being pushed by the other rock layer.*
