# **BUILD A SEISMOGRAPH**



**YOUR MISSION:** to build a device that will measure the motion caused by a simulated earthquake.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. a **sketch** of your device, a **name** for it, and a **plan** to build it
- 2. a **scale** for how your device measures motion, either by recording the strength of the "earthquake," as in Richter, or the amount of damage caused by the "earthquake," as in Mercalli.
- 3. an **explanation** of how it works to measure the motion caused by an earthquake
- 4. a **conclusion**. Did it work? What was the measurement of the earthquake, according to your scale? What does that measurement mean on your scale?
- 5. a quick **presentation** to the class of your seismograph and results.

## **YOUR PLAN:**

## Name your Seismograph:\_

(Hint: the name must relate to the function or structure of the seismograph!)

#### YOUR SCALE:

(Hint: the scale must have at least 5 numbers on it. It must relate to either Richter or Mercalli.)

## **HOW IT WORKS:**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Did it work?

If yes, why?

If no, why not?

- 2. What was the measurement according to your scale? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What does that measurement mean on your scale?
- 4. Did the measurement match the actual reality of the earthquake?

If not, how would you adjust your scale to match reality?

#### **YOUR PRESENTATION:**

Be sure everybody says at least one thing! Assign who says what by putting names in front of the sections on this paper.