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- The largest recorded earthquake in the history of the United States occurred at Prince William Sound, AK, in 1964. It had a magnitude of 9.2.
- The largest recorded earthquake in the world was a magnitude 9.5 quake that occurred in Chile in 1960.
- Land along the San Andreas Fault moves an average of 56 millimeters per year—about the same amount as your fingernails grow every year.
- The East African Rift System (pictured), a large tectonic plate boundary, is 3,000 km long.
- There are an estimated 500,000 earthquakes every year, but only 100,000 of them can be felt, and only 100 cause damage.
- Every year, Southern California experiences 10,000 earthquakes. Most are too small to be felt.
- From 1975 to 1995, four U.S. states experienced no earthquakes: Florida, Iowa, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.
- The world's deadliest earthquake occurred in China in 1556. An estimated 830,000 people were killed as a result.

