Series Circuit Rules

- 1) Current remains constant throughout the circuit
- 2) The total circuit resistance is the sum of all resistance in the circuit
- 3) The sum of all voltage drops is equal to the source voltage
- 4) The voltage drop across each resistor will differ depending on the value of the resistor

Parallel Circuit Rules

- 1) Source voltage is applied to all legs in the circuit
- 2) The total current is the sum of the current flowing in each leg
- 3) The current flowing through each leg depends on the amount of resistance in each leg
- 4) The total resistance is always lower than the resistance of the lowest leg