## Mini-Lab: EMF and Internal Resistance

- 1. Goal: Determine the emf and internal resistance of the battery using only voltmeter and circuit board.
- 2. Adjust the multimeter so that it is measuring voltage (acting as a voltmeter).
- 3. Connect the voltmeter to the terminals of the 3 V battery binding posts 1 and 35.
- 4. Connect an external resistance of some amount and record the resulting measured voltage at the terminals.
- 5. Use external resistances of the following amounts:  $R = 22 \text{ k}\Omega$ , 119  $\Omega$ , 68  $\Omega$ , 51  $\Omega$ , 35.5  $\Omega$ , 20  $\Omega$ , 10  $\Omega$ .
- 6. Use *all* of your data to find best values for *emf* and *r*.
- 7. Challenge: How can a linear graph be created and used?

## Using the multimeter as a voltmeter:

Selector dial <u>must</u> be set for voltage



Leads <u>must</u> connect to these two terminals (COM is common to all measurements made)

## Using the multimeter as a voltmeter:



This reading indicates that the electric potential at the positive terminal of the battery is 1.531 volts greater than it is at the negative terminal.



## Measure the terminal voltage of the battery.



Vary the external resistance *R* and note the resulting voltage *V*; record both values.

