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Summer Reading Assignment for College Algebra

Before the first day of College Algebra class, students must complete all problems enclosed in this packet. This is a review of what you previously learned in Algebra II. If you have trouble, try getting help from the internet at www.purplemath.com or from a peer or mentor.

The College Algebra course traditionally serves as the intermediate course between Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. Prerequisites for this course are Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. This helps to prepare the student for the SAT and college placement tests.

The College Algebra teachers look forward to working with you in class. Completing this packet will prepare you for the first day of class. This will count as your first homework assignment. As with all homework, you must show work to receive credit.

Solving Equations with Variables on Both Sides

Sometimes equations are written with variables on both sides of the equal symbol. In order to solve these types of equations, you must rewrite the equations so that the variables are on the same side of the equation.

Directions: Solve each equation below. Write the letter of the problem above its solution to complete the statement at the end of the activity.

P. $7x = x - 54$

U. $-8x - x = 24 - x$

R. $4x - 9 = 3 - 4x$

H. $-8 + 5x = 3x - 11 + 5x$

L. $x - 10 = -2x + 2$

A. $-13 + x = 4x + 23 + 6x$

O. $-1 + x = 7x + 2$

F. $3(2x - 1) + x = x - 3$

B. $3x - 7 = x + 11$

V. $4(3x - 5) - x = -x + 16$

W. $4x - 9 = 3 + 4x$

T. $2(1 - x) = 3(x + 9)$

N. $3(x - 7) = 2x$

E. $2(3 - 4x) = 4 + 4(6 - x)$

K. $9x = 3(x - 2)$

S. $9(2x + 3) = -36 - 27(x + 2)$

In 1637, René Descartes used the first letters of the

Solving Multi-step Inequalities

The rules that apply to solving equations apply to solving inequalities as well. Follow these steps:

1. Simplify each side of the inequality.
2. Add or subtract.
3. Multiply or divide by any nonzero number.

If you multiply or divide both sides of the inequality by a negative number, you must change the direction of the inequality sign.

Directions: Solve each inequality. Find the solution in the Answer Bank and write the letter of the solution in the blank before the problem number. Then write the letters in order, starting with the first problem, in the blanks to complete the statement at the end of the activity. Some letters will be used more than once.

1. ____ $5x - 7x > 40$
2. ____ $6x - 5 > 11 - 2x$
3. ____ $-5x + 6 < 16$
4. ____ $5x - 4 - 6x \geq -10$
5. ____ $7 - 2x \geq 19$
6. ____ $\frac{-x}{3} + 5 < -2$
7. ____ $8x - 7x \geq 0$
8. ____ $2(4 - x) - 2 \leq -2x + 6$
9. ____ $3 - \frac{2}{5}x > 5$
10. ____ $4x + 6 \leq 2x - 6$
11. ____ $3x - 2(x - 4) > 7$
12. ____ $4(3x - 1) \geq 2(x + 3)$
13. ____ $2(x - 6) > 2x - 2$
14. ____ $3(5 - x) - 7 \geq -3x + 8$
15. ____ $7x - (9x + 1) > -5$

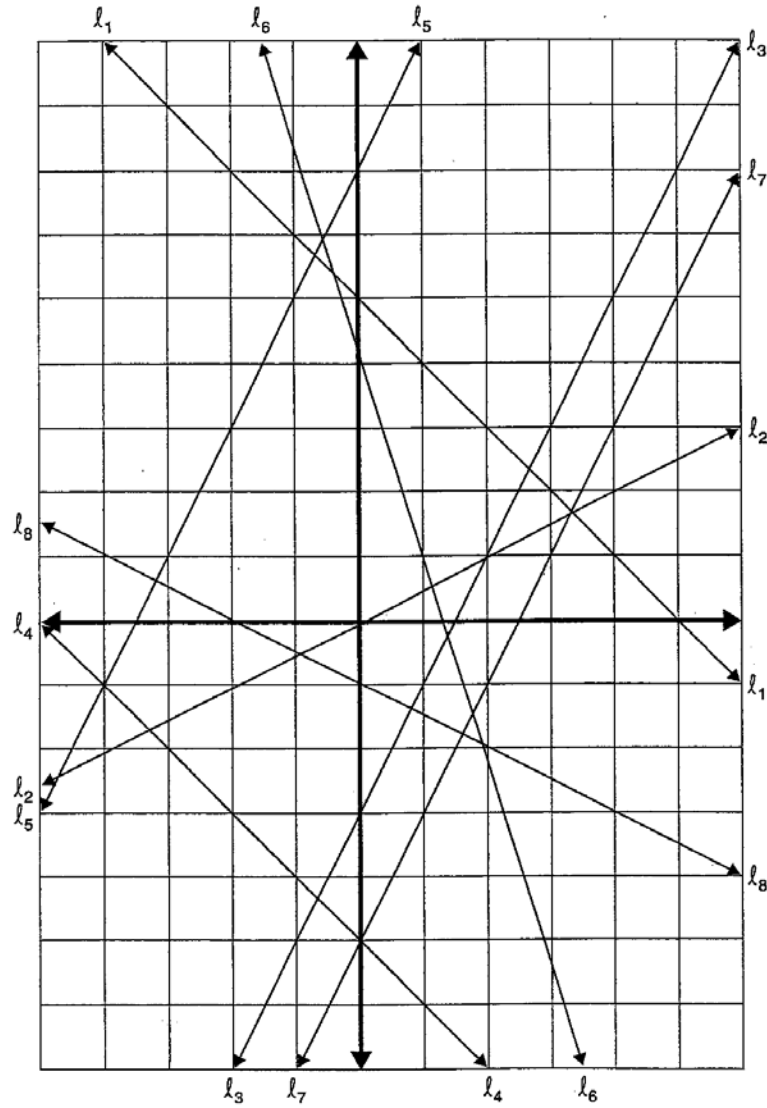
Answer Bank

- H. $x \geq 0$
- E. all real numbers
- Y. $x > 2$
- C. \emptyset
- B. $x \leq 6$
- L. $x > 21$
- I. $x \geq 1$
- S. $x < -20$
- O. $x \leq -6$
- M. $x > -2$
- D. $x < 2$
- N. $x < -5$
- T. $x > -1$

Thomas Harriot (1560–1621) first used the “>” and “<” symbols in a work published posthumously in 1631. It is believed he developed these symbols from a marking he saw on an arm of a Native American. This was the

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Finding the Slope and Y-intercept from a Graph

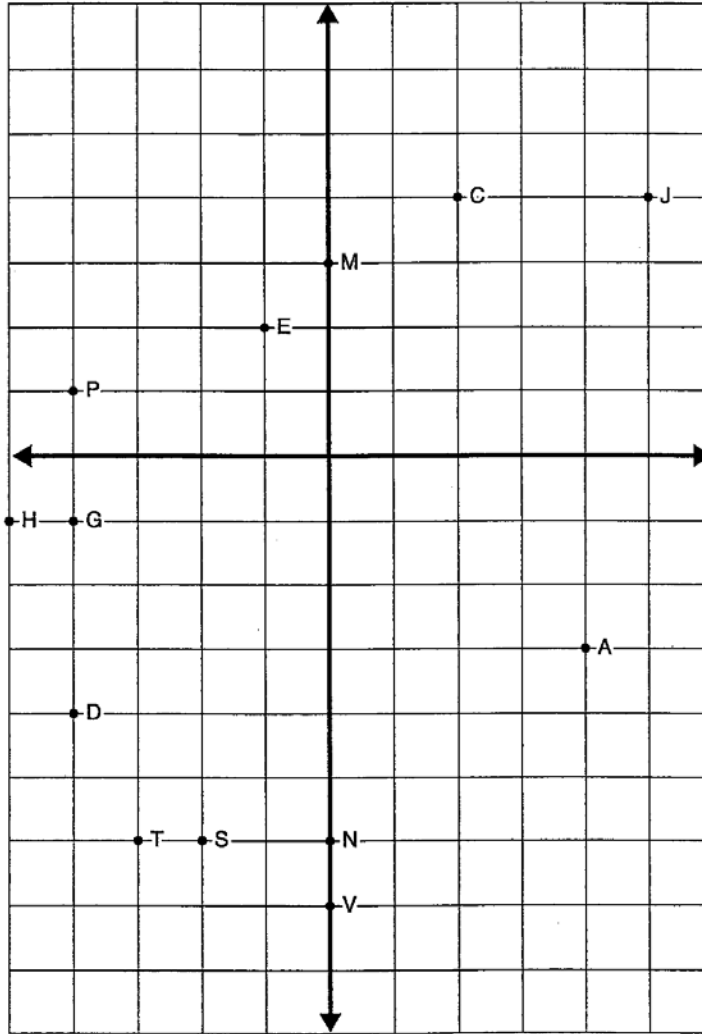
Using the Slope and Y-intercept to Graph a Line

The slope and y-intercept enable you to draw the graph of a linear equation. If the graph is drawn correctly, it contains all of the points that are solutions to the equation.

Directions: Use a ruler to graph the equation of each line described below. The graph is given on the next page. If you are accurate, each line should pass through two labeled points. Write the letters of these points on the lines before each problem. Hint: Some letters might need to be reversed.

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| 1. _____ | $m = 2, b = 4$ |
| 2. _____ | $m = -\frac{1}{2}, b = -1$ |
| 3. _____ | $m = 2, b = -6$ |
| 4. _____ | $m = -\frac{1}{4}, b = -2$ |
| 5. _____ | $m = 2, b = 0$ |
| 6. _____ | $m = -\frac{3}{2}, b = 3$ |
| 7. _____ | $m = \frac{7}{4}, b = 3$ |
| 8. _____ | $m = \frac{5}{2}, b = -1$ |
| 9. _____ | $m = -1, b = -6$ |
| 10. _____ | $m = 1, b = -7$ |

What do these letters represent? _____

Using the Slope and Y-intercept to Graph a Line

Finding the Slope of a Line

* Do only odds on this page.

If you know two points on a line, or the equation of a line, you can find the slope of a line.

To find the slope of a line, do one of the following:

- If you are given two points, use the formula $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ where m stands for the slope and (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are two points on the line.
- If you are given an equation in slope-intercept form, use the formula $y = mx + b$ where m stands for the slope.
- If you are given an equation in standard form, use the formula $Ax + By = C$. Write the formula in slope-intercept form. The slope is $-\frac{A}{B}$.

Directions: Each line is described by two points or an equation. Find the slope, then locate the slope in the Answer Bank. Write the letter of each answer in the blank before its problem. Then write the letters in order, starting with the first one, to complete the statement at the end of the activity. Some letters are used more than once; others are not used at all.

- _____ (0,2) and (5,2)
- _____ (-3,1) and (2,-2)
- _____ $y = 3x + 4$
- _____ (6,-3) and (1,2)
- _____ (-1,0) and (-4,1)
- _____ $2x + y = -1$
- _____ $y = 6x - 1$
- _____ (-3,8) and (-3,4)
- _____ $y = -x - 7$
- _____ (0,1) and (1,7)
- _____ (1,-2) and (-2,4)
- _____ $x - 4y = 7$
- _____ $3x - y = 10$
- _____ (-3,-4) and (2,-4)
- _____ $-3x + 2y = 6$
- _____ $18x - 3y = -20$

Answer Bank

- O. 0
 R. -2
 N. $\frac{3}{2}$
 Y. 2
 D. \emptyset
 T. $-\frac{1}{3}$
 G. 3
 H. -1
 I. $\frac{1}{4}$
 U. $-\frac{3}{5}$
 A. -3
 E. 6

William _____ first used the symbol for parallel and Pierre

_____ first used the symbol for perpendicular.

Finding the X- and Y-intercepts

Since two points determine a line, using the x-intercept and the y-intercept is one way to graph the equation of a line. The point where a graph intersects the x axis is $(x,0)$. x is called the x-intercept of the graph. The point where a graph intersects the y axis is $(0,y)$. y is called the y-intercept of the graph.

To find the x-intercept, substitute 0 for y and solve for x .

To find the y-intercept, substitute 0 for x and solve for y .

Directions: Find the x- and y-intercepts of the graph of each equation. Write your answer in the space provided after the intercepts. Then find the letter of your answer in the Answer Bank and write the letter in the blank before the intercepts. Finally, write the letters in order, starting with the first one, in the blanks to complete the statement at the end of the activity on the next page. Some letters will be used more than once; others will not be used at all.

1. $y = 2x + 4$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

2. $y = 3x + 1$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

3. $-3x + y = 6$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

4. $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 6$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

5. $y = 5x - 5$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

Answer Bank

F. 0

S. -2

V. $\frac{1}{3}$

E. 1

X. 10

Y. 15

O. 24

U. 7

M. $-\frac{1}{3}$

B. -5

L. 6

I. 12

T. \emptyset

D. -36

R. $-\frac{1}{2}$

A. 4

C. 2

P. -6

N. -3

Finding the X- and Y-intercepts

6. $x = 7$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

7. $y = \frac{1}{3}x + 12$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

8. $y = 3x$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

9. $2y = x - 1$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

10. $x = \frac{1}{3}y + 1$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

11. $y = 15$

_____ x-intercept = _____

_____ y-intercept = _____

Parallel lines have the _____
_____ -intercepts.