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Algebra 2 - Clark

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Solving Quadratics by Factoring

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 Solve each equation by factoring.

1) $a^2 - 36 = 0$

2) $n^2 - 5n - 14 = 0$

Do Problem #4

3) $2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$

	x	-2
$2x$	$2x^2$	$-4x$
-1	$-1x$	$+2$

4) $2x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$

-1	-5	-4
4		

5) $x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$

6) $a^2 + 2 = -3a$

Handwritten solutions for problem 4:

$$(2x-1)(x-2) = 0$$

$$2x-1=0 \Rightarrow 2x=1 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x-2=0 \Rightarrow x=2$$

Handwritten factoring for problem 3:

$$(2x^2 - 1x)(-4x + 2)$$

$$x(2x-1) - 2(2x-1)$$

7) $k^2 + 4 = 4k$

8) $p^2 - 3 = -2p$

9) $6x^2 - 3 = 7x$

10) $3n^2 - 7n = 6$

11) $3m^2 - 2 = 5m$

12) $6x^2 + 2 = -7x$

13) $9n^2 - 15n - 6 = 0$

14) $4b^2 = 6 - 10b$

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SHOW YOUR WORK FOR ALL PROBLEMS.

- 1.) Imagine you have a large, ground based catapult, and no feelings for the well-being of animals. You take a cow, put it in the catapult, and let Betsy fly. Betsy will follow a parabolic path! Let's say her height above the earth is modeled by this function:

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 224t, \text{ where } h(t) \text{ is measured in feet, and } t \text{ is measured in seconds.}$$

Now, just because you have a strong disdain for animals, that doesn't mean you aren't curious about parabolas; let's ask some questions.

- a) When will Betsy reach her highest point, or her maximum height? _____
Hint: Use your axis of symmetry formula

- b) What will Betsy's maximum height be? _____
Hint: Use your answer from part (a) and plug it into h(t).

- c) When will Betsy's height above the ground be **exactly 384 feet**?
Hint: Set your function equal to 384, then solve by factoring. You should find two answers.

_____ and _____

- d) Are both of your answers from part (c) reasonable? Explain.

2.) Now that we have an idea of what catapults, I mean parabolas, are good for, let's mix it up a bit. Imagine one of your great ancestors, let's call him Bob, riding on a flying dragon in a great prehistoric battle. Bob's enemies have a cannon, perched atop a 448 foot tower, that can shoot a pretty mean, parabolic-path following ball of dragon killing iron. Suppose the height of the cannon ball is modeled by

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 192t + 448, \text{ where } h(t) \text{ is measured in feet and } t \text{ is measured in seconds.}$$

a) When will the cannon ball reach its highest point? _____

b) What is the cannon ball's maximum height? _____

c) When will the cannon ball **land on the ground**?
Hint: Set your function equal to 0, then solve by factoring. You should find two answers.

_____ and _____

d) Are both of your answers from part (c) reasonable? Explain.



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