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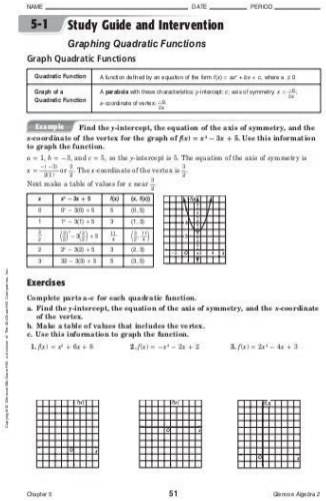

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Graphing Quadratic Functions

Graph Quadratic Functions

Quadratic Function	A function defined by an equation of the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$
Graph of a Quadratic Function	A parabola with these characteristics: y-intercept: c; axis of symmetry: $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$; x-coordinate of vertex: $\frac{-b}{2a}$

Example Find the y-intercept, the equation of the axis of symmetry, and the x-coordinate of the vertex for the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 5$. Use this information to graph the function.

$a = 1$, $b = -3$, and $c = 5$, so the y-intercept is 5. The equation of the axis of symmetry is $x = \frac{-(-3)}{2(1)}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$. The x-coordinate of the vertex is $\frac{3}{2}$.

Next make a table of values for x near $\frac{3}{2}$.

x	$x^2 - 3x + 5$	$f(x)$	$(x, f(x))$
0	$0^2 - 3(0) + 5$	5	(0, 5)
1	$1^2 - 3(1) + 5$	3	(1, 3)
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 3\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 5$	$\frac{11}{4}$	$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{4}\right)$
2	$2^2 - 3(2) + 5$	3	(2, 3)
3	$3^2 - 3(3) + 5$	5	(3, 5)

Exercises

Complete parts a–c for each quadratic function.

a. Find the y-intercept, the equation of the axis of symmetry, and the x-coordinate of the vertex.

b. Make a table of values that includes the vertex.

c. Use this information to graph the function.

1. $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 8$ 2. $f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 2$ 3. $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 3$

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