



Lines, Lines, Lines!!!  
Slope-Intercept Form  
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Lesson Plan

- I. Topic: Slope-Intercept Form
- II. Goals and Objectives:
- A. The student will write an equation of a line given information about its graph.
  - B. The student will learn how to define the variables of the equation of the line.
  - C. The student will use the equation to solve problems.
  - D. The student will write an equation of a line given the slope and a point on the line.
- III. Massachusetts Learning Standards:
- 1. 8.P.5  
Identify the slope of a line as a measure of its steepness and as a constant rate of change from its table of values, equation, or graph. Apply the concept of slope to the solution of problems.
  - 2. 8.P.6  
Identify the roles of variables within an equation, e.g.,  $y = mx + b$ , expressing  $y$  as a function of  $x$  with parameters  $m$  and  $b$ .
  - 3. 8.P.7  
Set up and solve linear equations and inequalities with one or two variables, using algebraic methods, models, and/or graph.
  - 4. 10.D.1  
Select, create, and interpret an appropriate graphical representation for a set of data and use appropriate statistics to communicate information about the data.
  - 5. 10.P.2  
Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between various representations of a line. Determine a line's slope and  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts from its graph or from a linear equation that represents the line. Find a linear equation describing a line from a graph or geometric description of the line, e.g, by using the "point-slope" or "slope y-intercept" formulas. Explain the significance of a positive, negative, zero, or undefined slope.
  - 6. 10.P.8  
Solve everyday problems that can be modeled using systems of linear equations or inequalities. Apply algebraic and graphical methods to the solution. Use technology when appropriate. Include mixture, rate, and work problems.



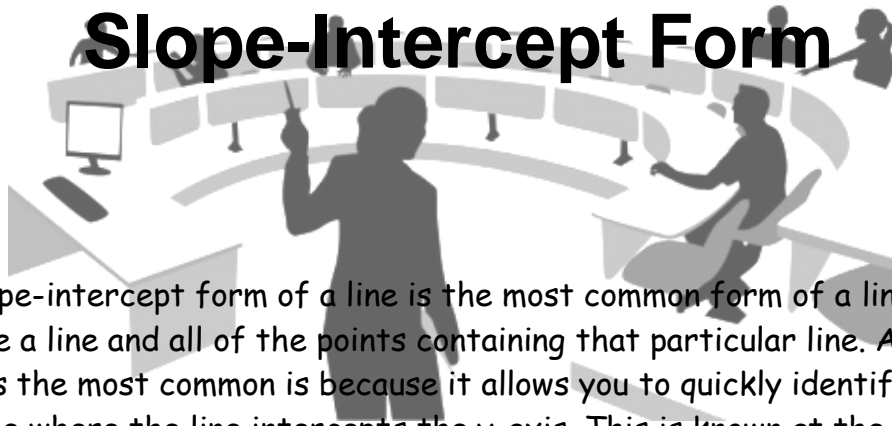
- IV. Materials:
- A. Whiteboard with dry-erase markers (Blackboard with Chalk could also be used.)
  - B. Ruler.
  - C. Pencils.
  - D. Calculator.
  - E. Slope-Intercept Form Worksheets. (Practice Worksheet, Quiz Worksheet.)
- V. Presentation Outline:
- A. Introduction. "Slope Intercept Form. What does it mean?"
  - B. Write an equation given two points.  
Example
  - C. Write an equation in slope-intercept form.  
Example
  - D. Graph equations in slope-intercept form.  
Example
- VI. Presentation:
- A. Presentation Notes
  - B. Power Point Presentation
- VII. Independent Practice: Slope-Intercept Form Worksheet
- A. Class work: #1 - 25 Odds
  - B. Homework: #s 2 - 26 Even
  - C. Due 2 days from given day. Allow students to complete those questions which they were not able to complete in class.
- VIII. Topic Assessment: Slope-Intercept Form Quiz
- A. Answer questions from homework.
  - B. 5-Question Quiz: 10 – 15 minutes
  - C. 10-Question Quiz: 15 – 20 minutes.



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## Slope-Intercept Form



### Introduction

The Slope-intercept form of a line is the most common form of a line. It is used to describe a line and all of the points containing that particular line. Another reason why it is the most common is because it allows you to quickly identify the slope and the place where the line intercepts the y-axis. This is known as the y-intercept.

### Definitions and Formula

An equation which is in the form  $y = mx + b$  is said to be in the slope-intercept form. Each of the variables represents a number found on the line.

$(x, y)$  ←  $x$  and  $y$  represent all of the points on the line. Often refer to as  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ .

' $m$ ' (lower case  $m$ ) ← is the symbol used to represent the slope.



Remember:

$$m = \frac{\text{Change of } y \text{ or } \Delta y}{\text{Change of } x \text{ or } \Delta x} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{+\uparrow \quad -\downarrow}{+\rightarrow \quad -\leftarrow}$$

' $b$ ' (lower case  $b$ ) ← is the symbol used to represent the y-intercept. We always look for this number on the y-axis to begin our graph.

The letter ' $m$ ' and the letter ' $b$ ' are **constants**. In other words, these are numbers which **never** change. They are constants.



### Key Concepts

It is important to learn how to recognize when an equation is in the slope-intercept form and when it is not.

The following lines **are** in Slope-Intercept Form:

A.  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 6$

B.  $y = 5x - 7$

C.  $y = \frac{6}{7}x$

D.  $y = -3$



The following lines **are not** in Slope-Intercept Form:

A.  $3y = -7x + 12$

B.  $x = 5y + 2$

C.  $7x + 3y = 4$

D.  $-y = -3$

The following lines are in the form of other equations which we will later learn:

A.  $y = 5x - 7$  ← Slope-Intercept Form

B.  $y - 3 = -4(x - 9)$  ← Point-Slope Form

C.  $6x - 5y = 10$  ← Standard Form

D.  $y = \#$  ← Horizontal Line (Zero Slope)

E.  $x = \#$  ← Vertical Line (Undefined Slope)



Let's see a few ways to use the equation for the Slope-Intercept Form.

1. Write an equation in Slope-Intercept Form given two points.

**Note:**

(the following examples were used in the previous lesson on slopes)

A. Find the equation of the line that passes through (-1, 4) and (1, -2).

1. Find the slope between the two points.

I. Let  $(-1, 4) = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $(1, -2) = (x_2, y_2)$

II. Remember and **re-write** the slope formula.

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

III. **Substitute** the values of the given question.

$$m = \frac{-2 - 4}{1 - (-1)}$$

IV. **Simplify** as much as possible.

$$m = \frac{-6}{2}$$

V. **Divide** whenever possible.

$$m = -3$$

2. Substitute the slope found into the equation.

$$y = -3x + b$$

3. Find the value of the y-intercept (b) by substituting the value of one of the points into the equation.

$$4 = -3(-1) + b$$

**Remember:**

This equation represents ALL points on that line; therefore it will not make a difference which of the two points is chosen.

4. Simplify.

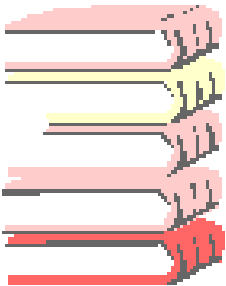
$$4 = 3 + b$$

5. solve for 'b'.

$$b = 1$$

6. Substitute the value of 'b' into the equation.

$$y = -3x + 1$$





B. Find the equation of the line that passes through (5, -3) and (-4, 3).

1. Find the slope between the two points.

I. Let (5, -3) =  $(x_1, y_1)$  and (-4, 3) =  $(x_2, y_2)$

II. Remember and **re-write** the slope formula.

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

III. **Substitute** the values of the given question.

$$m = \frac{3 - (-3)}{-4 - 5}$$

IV. **Simplify** as much as possible.

$$m = \frac{6}{-9}$$

V. **Divide or reduce** whenever possible.

$$m = -\frac{2}{3}$$

2. Substitute the slope found into the equation.

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + b$$

3. Find the value of the y-intercept (b) by substituting the value of one of the points into the equation.

$$-3 = -\frac{2}{3}(5) + b$$

4. Simplify.

$$-3 = -\frac{10}{3} + b$$

5. solve for 'b'.

$$b = \frac{1}{3}$$

6. Substitute the value of 'b' into the equation.

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}$$

C. Find the equation of the line that passes through (-1, 2) and (3, 4).

1. Find the slope between the two points.

I. Let (-1, 2) =  $(x_1, y_1)$  and (3, 4) =  $(x_2, y_2)$

II. Remember and **re-write** the slope formula.

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

III. **Substitute** the values of the given question.

$$m = \frac{4 - 2}{3 - (-1)}$$





IV. **Simplify** as much as possible.  $m = \frac{2}{4}$

V. **Divide or reduce** whenever possible.  $m = \frac{1}{2}$

2. Substitute the slope found into the equation.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + b$

3. Find the value of the y-intercept (b) by substituting the value of one of the points into the equation.  $2 = \frac{1}{2}(-1) + b$

4. Simplify.  $2 = -\frac{1}{2} + b$

5. Solve for 'b'.  $b = \frac{5}{2}$

6. Substitute the value of 'b' into the equation.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$

2. Write the following equations in Slope-Intercept Form. -->  $y = mx + b$

A.  $-8y + 8x = -8$

i. Original equation.  $-8y + 8x = -8$

ii. Subtract 'x' from both sides.  $-8y + 8x - 8x = -8x - 8$

iii. Simplify.  $-8y = -8x - 8$

iv. Divide  $-8$  from both sides.  $\frac{-8}{-8}y = \frac{-8}{-8}x - \frac{8}{-8}$

v. Simplify.  $y = x + 1$

B.  $9y - 6y = -9x + (-6)$

i. Original equation  $9y - 6y = -9x + (-6)$

ii. Simplify the equation, adding liked terms.  $3y = -9x - 6$

iii. Divide  $3$  from both sides.  $\frac{3}{3}y = \frac{-9}{3}x - \frac{6}{3}$

iv. Simplify.  $y = -3x - 2$





- C.  $9y - 5x = -10$
- Original equation  $9y - 5x = -10$
  - Add 'x' to both sides  $9y - 5x + 5x = 5x - 10$
  - Simplify.  $9y = 5x - 10$
  - Divide 9 from both sides.  $\frac{9}{9}y = \frac{5}{9}x - \frac{10}{9}$
  - Simplify.  $y = \frac{5}{9}x - \frac{10}{9}$
- D.  $7x - (-6)x = -2y + 4$
- Original equation.  $7x - (-6)x = -2y + 4$
  - Simplify and add liked terms.  $13x = -2y + 4$
  - Subtract '4' from both sides.  $13x - 4 = -2y + 4 - 4$
  - Simplify.  $13x - 4 = -2y$
  - Divide -2 from both sides.  $\frac{13}{-2}x - \frac{4}{-2} = \frac{-2}{-2}y$
  - Simplify  $-\frac{13}{2}x + 2 = y$
  - By the reflexive property we can flip it.  $y = -\frac{13}{2}x + 2$
- E.  $-7y - (-7)x = 9$
- Original equation.  $-7y - (-7)x = 9$
  - Simplify the equation.  $-7y + 7x = 9$
  - Subtract 'x' from both sides.  $-7y + 7x - 7x = -7x + 9$
  - Simplify.  $-7y = -7x + 9$
  - Divide -7 from both sides.  $\frac{-7}{-7}y = \frac{-7}{-7}x + \frac{9}{-7}$
  - Simplify.  $y = x - \frac{9}{7}$



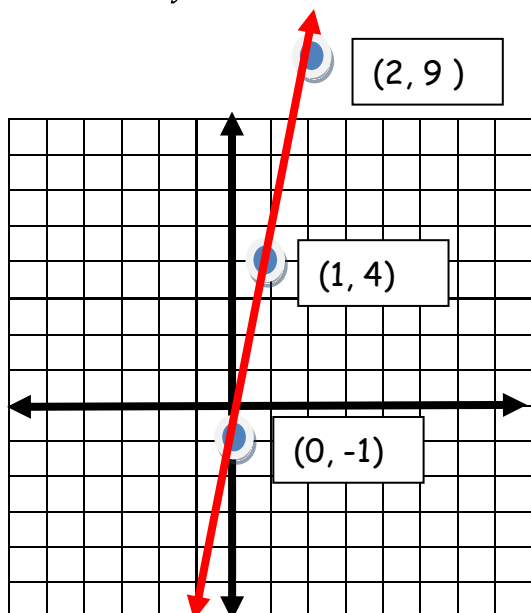


3. Graph the following lines.

**Remember:**

Write all equations in the slope-intercept form  $y = mx + b$ .  
 $m = \text{slope}$ .                       $b = \text{y-intercept}$ .

A.  $y = 5x - 1$



i. Make sure the equation is in slope-intercept form:

$$y = 5x - 1$$

ii. Identify and plot your starting point. Also known as the y-intercept.

$$b = -1$$

Plot the point at  $(0, -1)$ .

iii. Identify your slope.

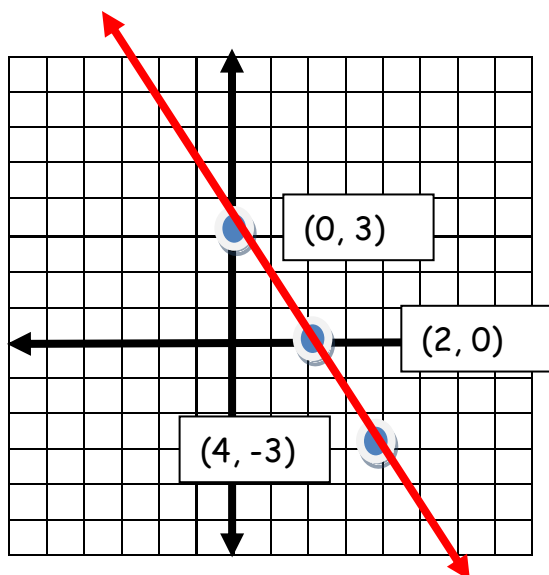
$$m = \frac{5}{1} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

iv. Plot the next two points.

From the y-intercept ('b')

1. Go up 5.
2. Go right 1.
3. Draw the line.

B.  $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 3$



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$$b = 3$$

Plot the point at  $(0, 3)$ .

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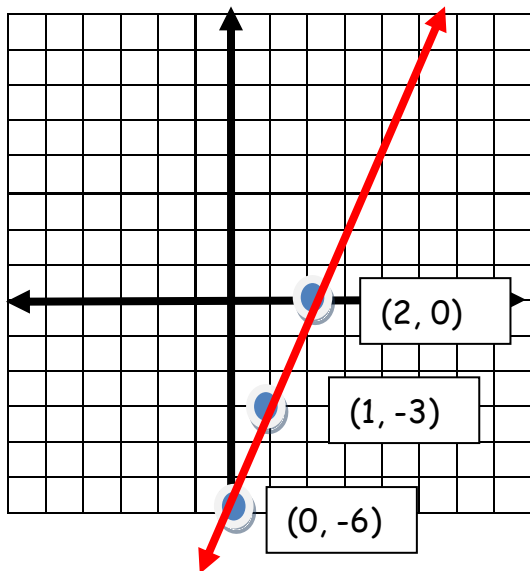
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From the y-intercept ('b')

1. Go down 3.
2. Go right 2.
3. Draw the line.



C.  $3x - y = 6$



$$3x - y = 6 \rightarrow -y = -3x + 6 \rightarrow y = 3x - 6$$

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$$b = -6$$

Plot the point at (0, -6).

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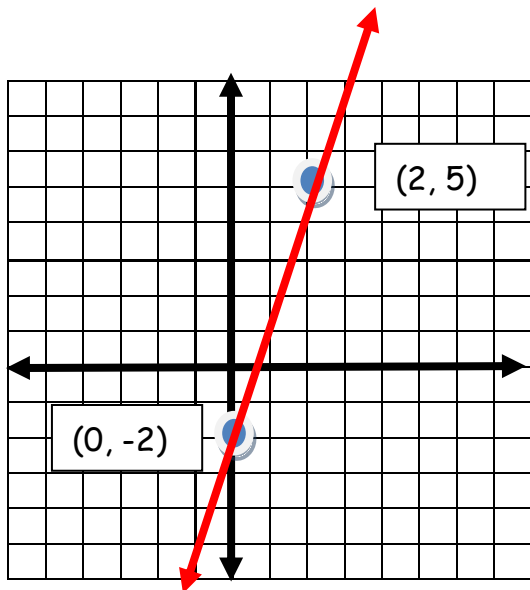
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D.  $y = \frac{7}{4}x - 2$



i. Make sure the equation is in slope-intercept form:  
 $y = \frac{7}{4}x - 2$

ii. Identify and plot your starting point. Also known as the y-intercept.

$$b = -2$$

Plot the point at (0, -2).

iii. Identify your slope.

$$m = \frac{7}{4} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

iv. Plot the next two points.

From the y-intercept('b')

1. Go down 7
2. Go right 4
3. Draw the line.



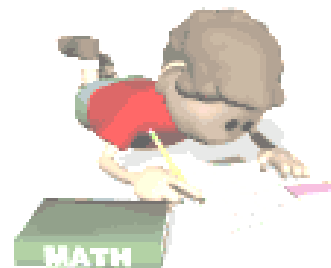
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Write the slope-intercept form of the equation of each line.

1.  $3x - 2y = -16$

2.  $13x - 11y = -12$



3.  $9x - 7y = -7$

4.  $x - 3y = 6$

5.  $6x + 5y = -15$

6.  $4x - y = 1$

7.  $11x - 4y = 32$

8.  $11x - 8y = -48$

9.  $3x + 20 = -4y$

10.  $x + 5y = -15$



## (Student Practice Worksheet Continued)

11.  $y = -4x - 1$

12.  $0 = 5y - x$

13.  $-30 + 10y = -2x$

14.  $-x - 1 = y$

Write the equation of the line which passes through the following two points.

15. (0, 3) and (5, 0)

16. (2, 3) and (5, 7)

17. (1.5, -1) and (3, 1.5)

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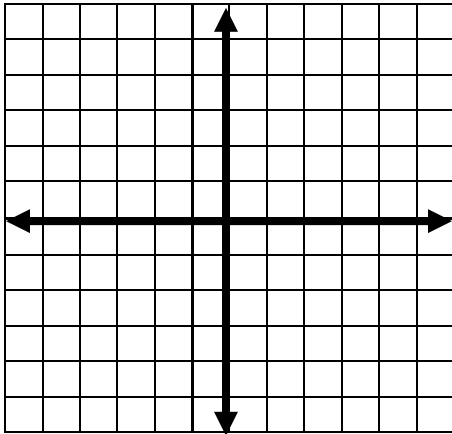
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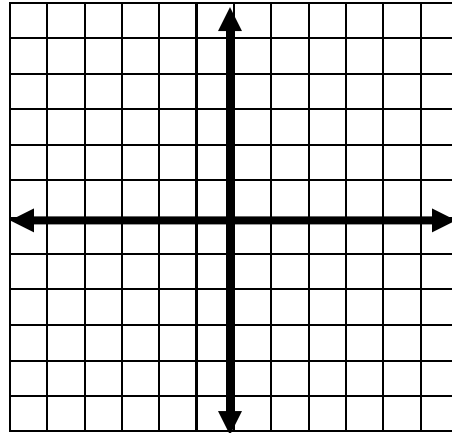
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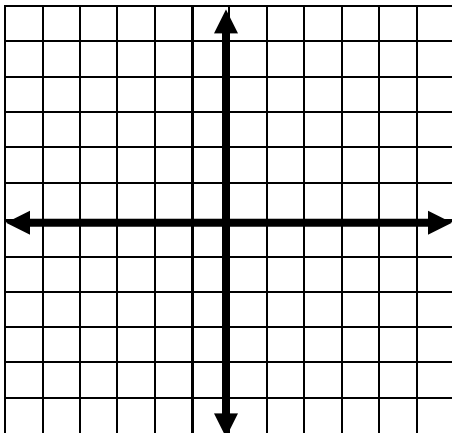
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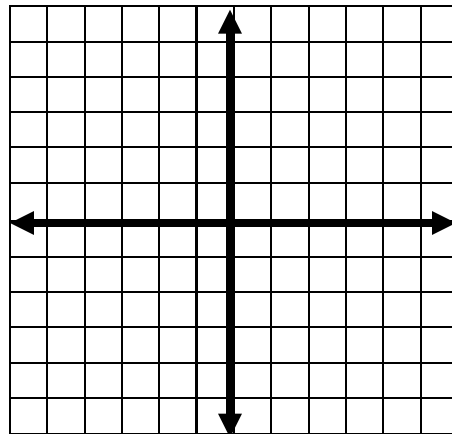
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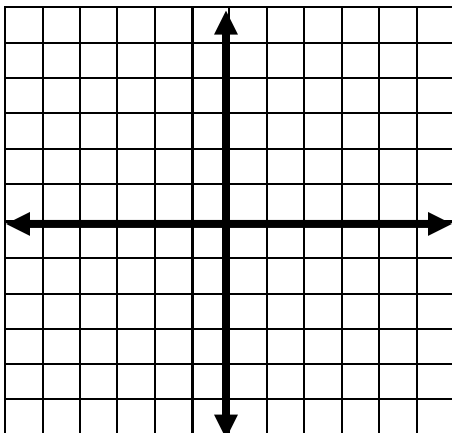
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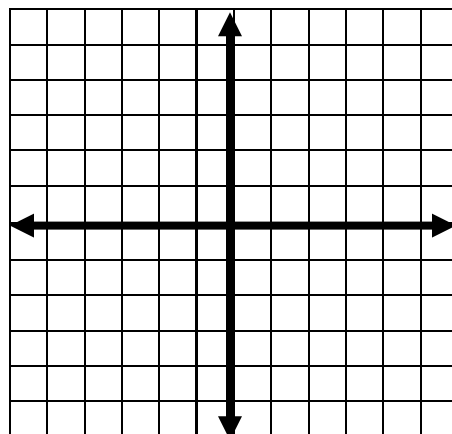
25.  $y = 2x - 5$



23.  $y = -\frac{5}{2}x$



26.  $y = 5x + 1$





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Answer Key

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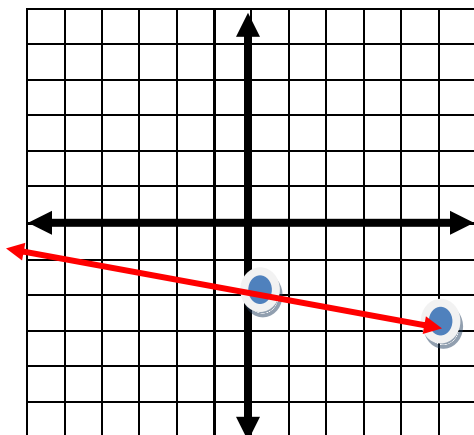
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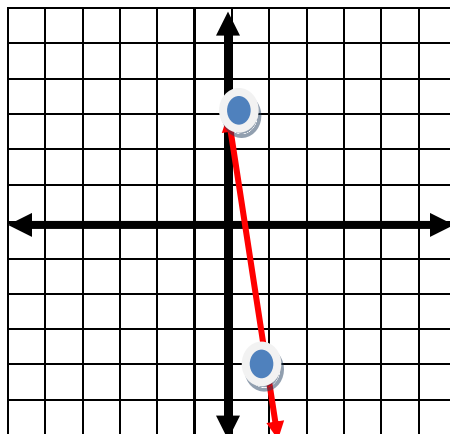


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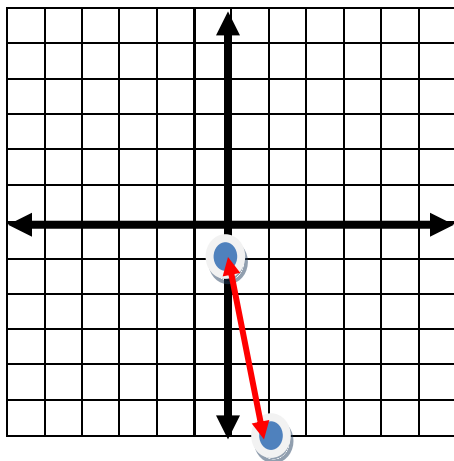
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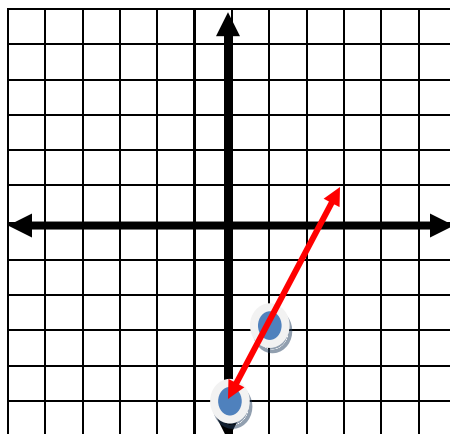
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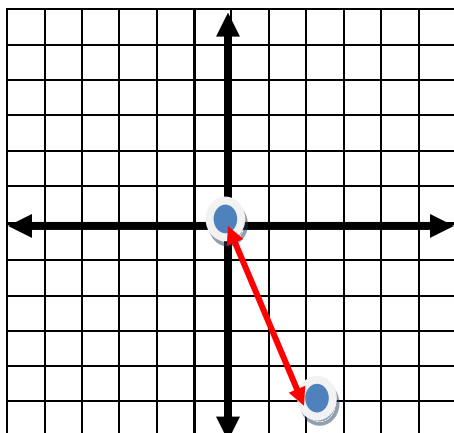
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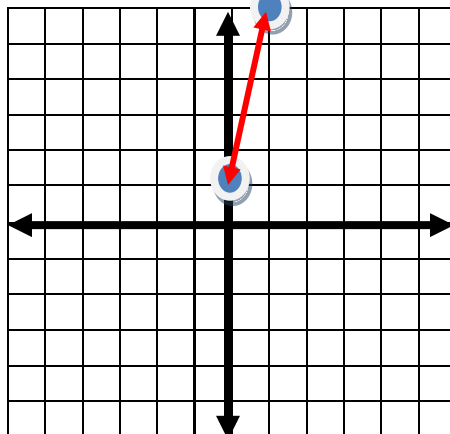
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Rubric

Criteria					
	4	3	2	1	0
Mechanics	No math errors	No major math errors or serious flaws in reasoning.	May be some serious math error or flaws in reasoning.	Major math errors or serious flaws in reasoning.	Blank answers

Criteria					
	4	3	2	1	0
Graphing	All criteria is evident:  Accurate display of data in the line graph. Accurate label for both axes. Equivalent interval in both axes. Key is accurate	Three of the following are evident:  Accurate display of data in the line graph. Accurate label for both axes. Equivalent interval in both axes. Key is accurate.	Two of the following are evident:  Accurate display of data in the line graph. Accurate label for both axes. Equivalent interval in both axes. Key contains minor inaccuracies	Inaccurate display of data in the line graph.  Inaccurate label for both axes.  Different interval in both axes. Key is missing or inaccurate.	Blank  Off-task, off topic.  Illegible/unreadable.

Quiz Grading Rubric:

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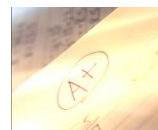
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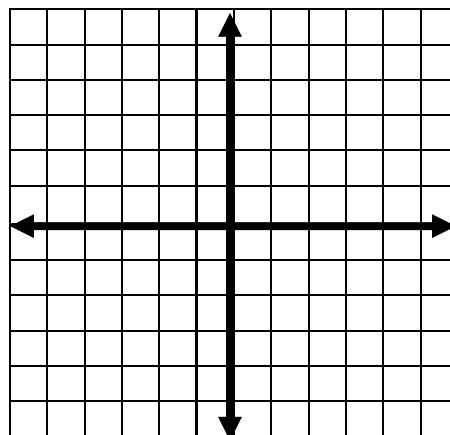
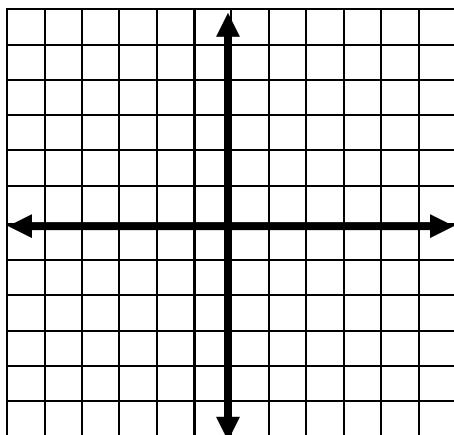
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A. Find the Slope-Intercept Form of the following equation or set of points.

B. Graph the equation of the given line in the graph provided.

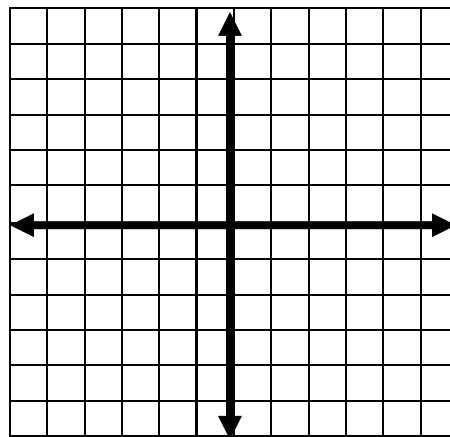
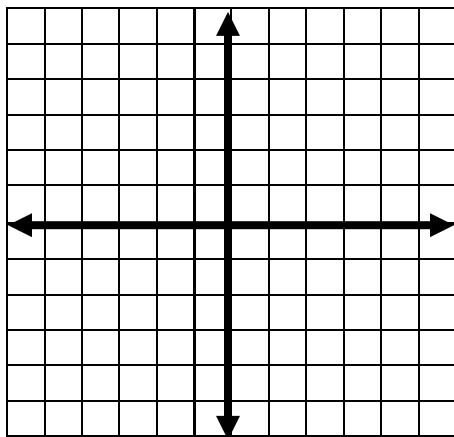
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3.  $(0, -4)$  and  $(-2, 2)$



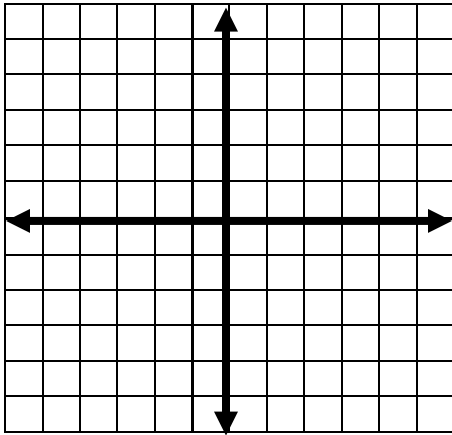
2.  $-5x - y = -5$

4.  $-6x - 5y = -5$

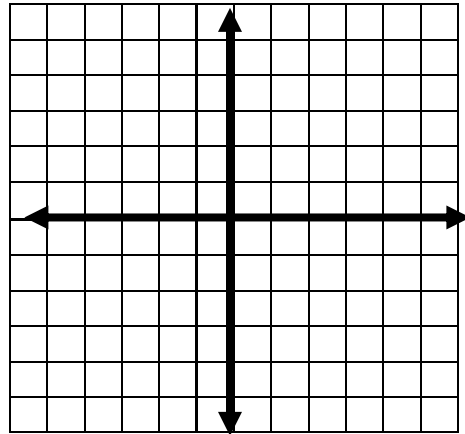




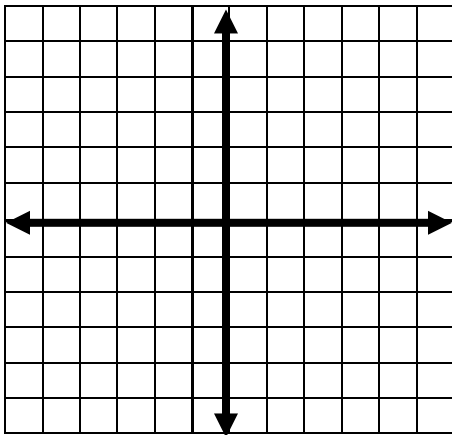
5.  $-10x - (-2)y = -4$



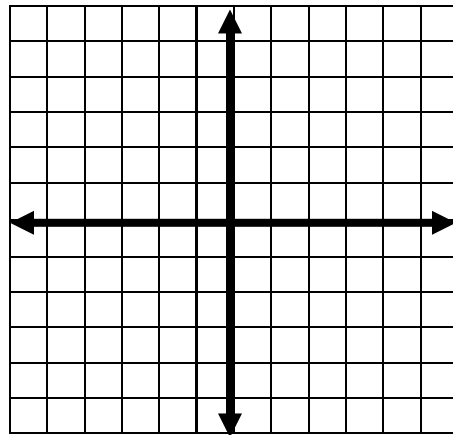
7.  $10x + 5y - 5 = 0$



6.  $(0, 4)$  and  $(-2, -5)$



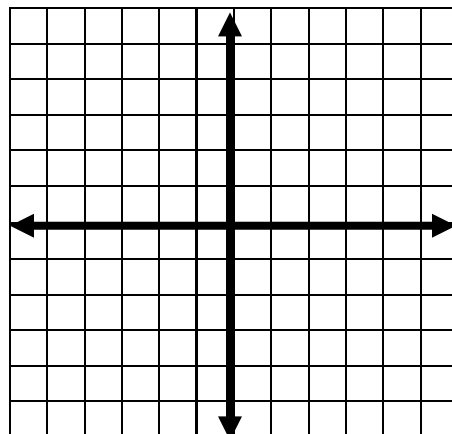
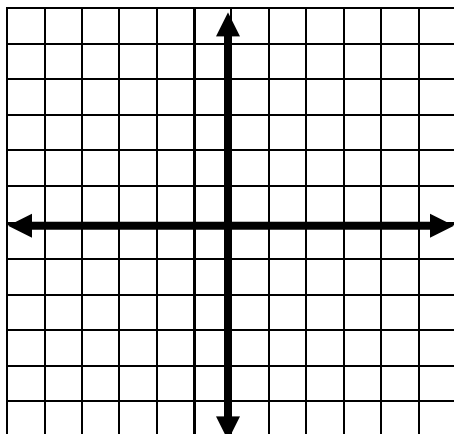
8.  $(2, -4)$  and  $(1, -1)$





9.  $2x + 3y = 6$

10.  $4x - 3y = 3$





## Slope-Intercept Form

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## Answer Key

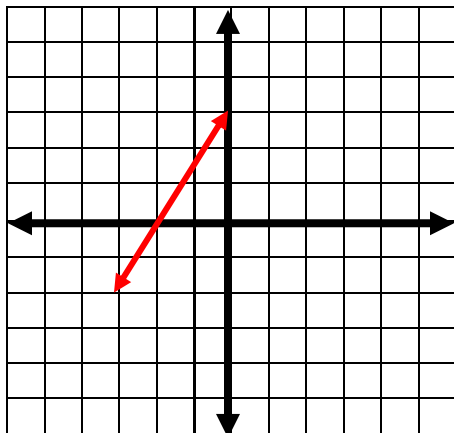
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A. Find the Slope-Intercept Form of the following equation or set of points.

B. Graph the equation of the given line in the graph provided.

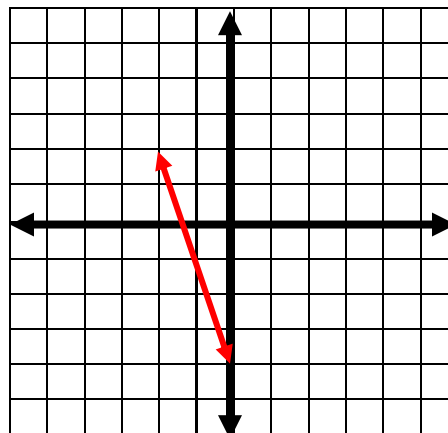
1.  $-4x + 9x = 3y + (-9)$

$$y = \frac{5}{3}x + 3$$



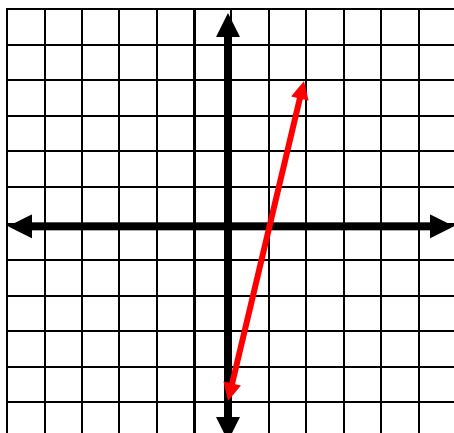
3.  $(0, -4)$  and  $(-2, 2)$

$$y = -3x - 4$$



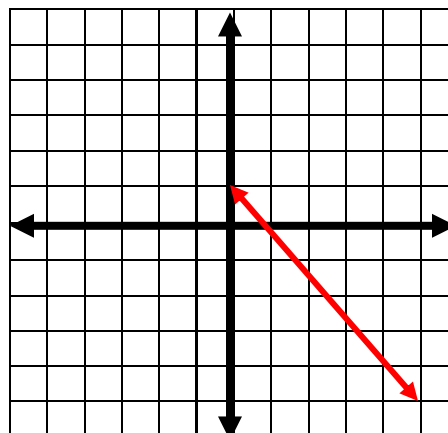
2.  $-5x - y = -5$

$$y = 5x - 5$$



4.  $-6x - 5y = -5$

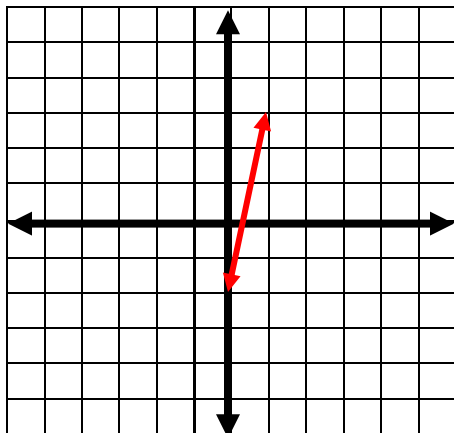
$$y = -\frac{6}{5}x + 1$$





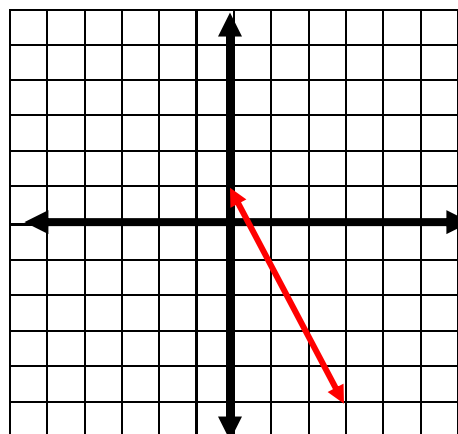
5.  $-10x - (-2)y = -4$

$y = 5x - 2$



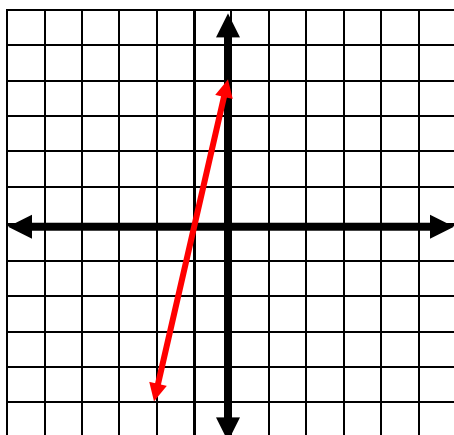
7.  $10x + 5y - 5 = 0$

$y = -2x + 1$



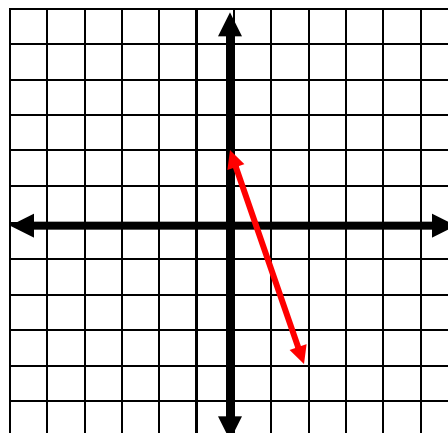
6.  $(0, 4)$  and  $(-2, -5)$

$y = \frac{9}{2}x + 4$



8.  $(2, -4)$  and  $(1, -1)$

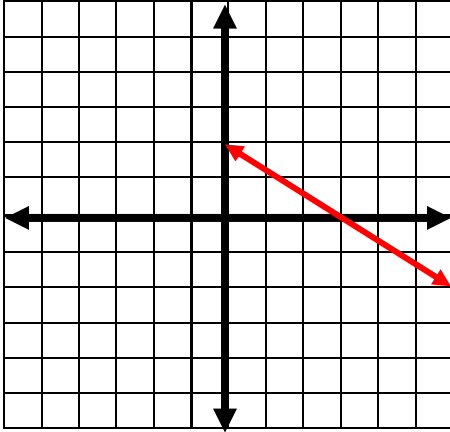
$y = -3x + 2$





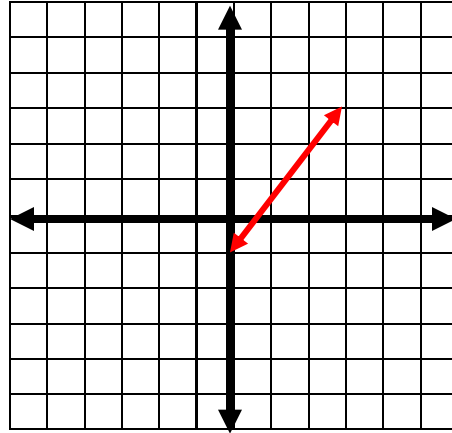
9.  $2x + 3y = 6$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 2$$



10.  $4x - 3y = 3$

$$y = \frac{4}{3}x - 1$$





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Criteria					
	4	3	2	1	0
Mechanics	No math errors	No major math errors or serious flaws in reasoning.	May be some serious math error or flaws in reasoning.	Major math errors or serious flaws in reasoning.	Blank answers

Criteria					
	4	3	2	1	0
Graphing	All criteria is evident:  Accurate display of data in the line graph. Accurate label for both axes. Equivalent interval in both axes. Key is accurate	Three of the following are evident:  Accurate display of data in the line graph. Accurate label for both axes. Equivalent interval in both axes. Key is accurate.	Two of the following are evident:  Accurate display of data in the line graph. Accurate label for both axes. Equivalent interval in both axes. Key contains minor inaccuracies	Inaccurate display of data in the line graph.  Inaccurate label for both axes.  Different interval in both axes. Key is missing or inaccurate.	Blank  Off-task, off topic.  Illegible/unreadable.

Quiz Grading Rubric:

Problem	Total points of Correct Answer		Problem	Total points of Correct Answer	
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