

Part 1: Revisit $f(x) = ax^2$

What do we know about "a"?

How do we know if the parabola has a maximum or a minimum?

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Where have you seen this function before?

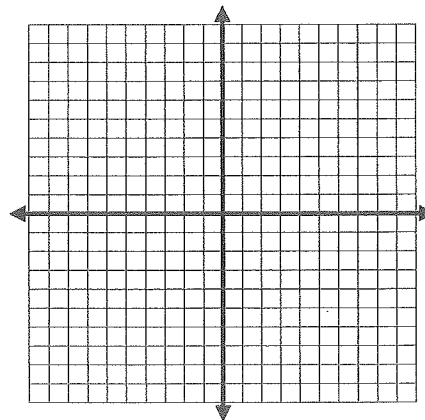
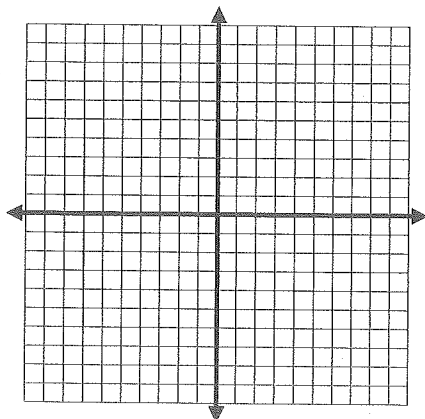
Any ideas of what "b" and "c" might do to change the graph?

Let's look at a problem with only "b" and the shape of our parabola looking like shots from our Basketball Task. ($a = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$)

x					
$f(x) = -x^2 + 4x$					

Let's look at a problem with only "c" and the shape of our parabola looking like shots from our Basketball Task. ($a = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$)

x					
$f(x) = -x^2 + 4$					



What findings do you see:

Lets look more at "c"

x	-2	-1	0	1	-2
$f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 8$					

x	-2	-1	0	1	-2
$f(x) = x^2 - 6x - 7$					

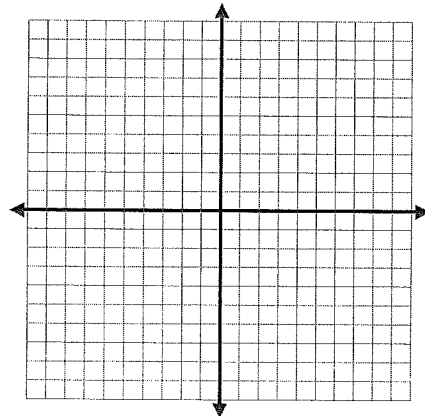
What does the "c" stand for:

Thinking back to our Basketball Task what might "c" be in those problems?

Basketball Task Day 2 Part 1 – see Task Handout and transparency graph paper

Part 2: Exploring the graph of a Quadratic Function in Standard form:

$f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 5$



Steps to find Parts of a Quadratic Function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Parts of a Quadratic Function:

Direction of opening:

Vertex:

Maximum/Minimum:

Axis of Symmetry:

y-intercept:

x-intercept(s):

Domain:

Range:

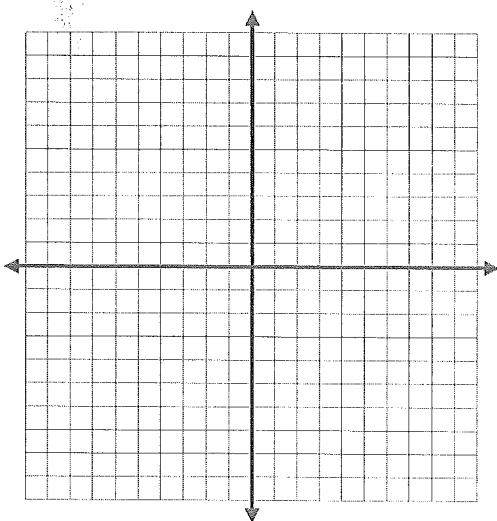
x	y

Examples: Find all the parts and graph the quadratic function in standard form.

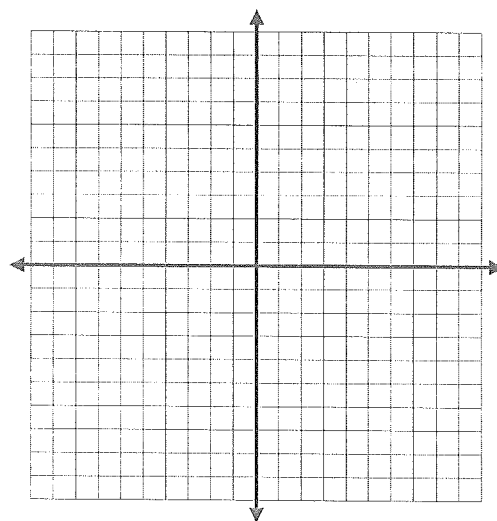
Ex 1: $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x + 6$

$f(x) = 3x^2 + 6x + 1$

x	y



x	y



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