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Notes – Writing the Equation for a Quadratic Equation (Use the vertex and a point.)

Find the equation of the quadratic function that contains the vertex (1, -3) and the point (2, 0). $y=\alpha(x-h)^2+k$	
1. Plug in the vertex.	
2. Plug in x & y coordinates of the point given.	
3. Solve for "a."	+
4. Now substitute the value of a and the coordinates of the vertex into the vertex form to write the equation.	
5. Check your answer by putting the equation into a graphing calculator.	

Try this: Write the equation for the parabola with vertex (0, -3) and the point (1, 1). Follow steps 1-5 above!