

Algebra 2 Bellwork Friday, January 22, 2016

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$$\frac{\frac{3}{4x^2y} - \frac{4x}{y^3}}{\frac{2}{xy^2} + \frac{5}{6x^3}}$$

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ANSWERS

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$$\frac{4}{x^2 + 3x - 10} - \frac{9}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{-5x - 37}{(x+2)(x-2)(x+5)}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x+2} \cdot \frac{4}{(x+5)(x-2)} - \frac{9}{(x+2)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{x+5}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{4x+8 - 9x-45}{(x+2)(x-2)(x+5)}$$

2.

$$\frac{17x^2 - x}{4x^2(x+7)(x-3)^2}$$

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$$\frac{2x(x-3)}{2x(x-3)} \cdot \frac{6}{2x(x+7)(x-3)} + \frac{5x}{4x^2(x-3)(x-3)} \cdot \frac{x+7}{x+7}$$

$$\frac{12x^2 - 36x + 5x^2 + 35x}{4x^2(x-3)(x-3)(x+7)}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{3}{4x^2y} - \frac{4x}{y^3}}{\frac{2}{xy^2} + \frac{5}{6x^3}} \cdot \frac{12x^3y^3}{12x^3y^3} = \frac{9xy^2 - 48x^4}{24x^2y + 10y^3}$$