

10-1 Exploring Quadratic Graphs

Remember:

➤ $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ → always makes a parabola➤ $y = ax^2$ → vertex is always (0, 0)➤ $y = ax^2 + c$ → vertex is always (0, c)

Examples:

$y = 3x^2$

vertex (0, 0)

$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

vertex (0, 0)

$y = -x^2$

vertex (0, 0)

$y = 2x^2 + 7$

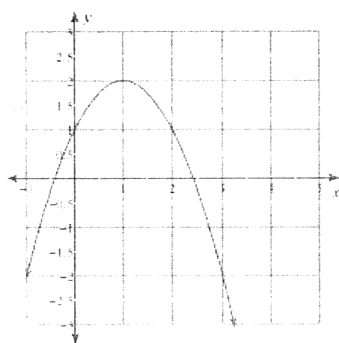
vertex (0, 7)

$y = -4x^2 - 1$

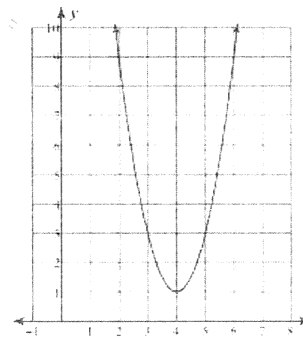
vertex (0, -1)

Write the coordinates of the vertex of each graph. Tell whether it is a minimum or a maximum. Then sketch a graph of the equation.

1) vertex _____

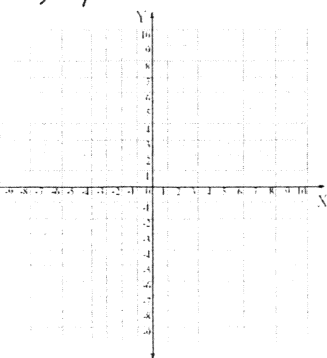


2) vertex _____



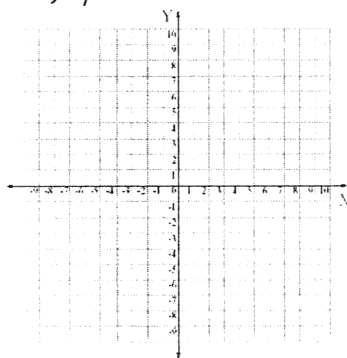
Sketch the graph of each equation. Draw the axis of symmetry with a colored pencil and label the vertex. Check the graph on a graphing calculator to make sure it is correct!

3) $y = 3x^2$



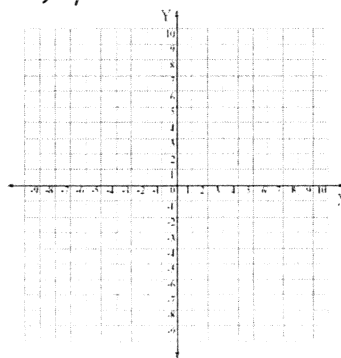
vertex ()

4) $y = -2x^2 + 3$



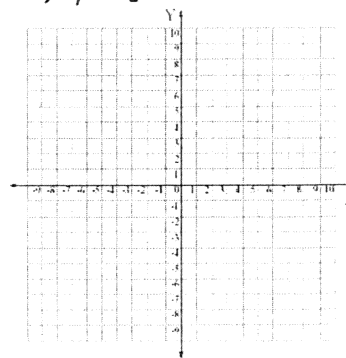
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5) $y = x^2 - 4$



vertex ()

6) $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$



vertex ()

10-2 Graphing $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

****Study this example before doing the problems below!****

Example Sketch the graph of $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$

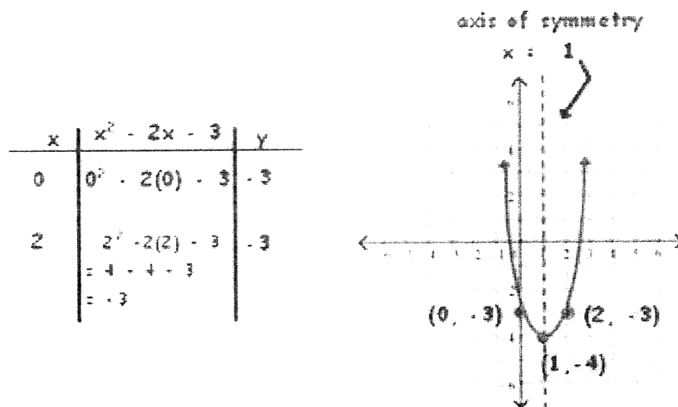
1. First find the axis of symmetry: At the vertex, $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ b = -2 \end{array} \longrightarrow x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{2}{2(1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{axis of symmetry} \\ x = 1 \end{array}$$

2. Vertex: Substitute (plug in) x to find the value of y at the vertex.

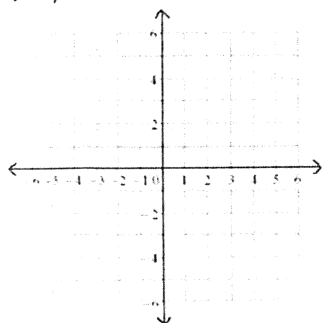
$$\begin{array}{l} x = 1 \longrightarrow \text{plug in 1 for } x \longrightarrow y = (1)^2 - 2(1) - 3 \\ y = 1 - 2 - 3 \\ y = -4 \longrightarrow \text{vertex } (1, -4) \end{array}$$

3. Use a table of values to find other points. Graph the vertex and the other points to make the parabola. Draw in the axis of symmetry with a colored pencil.



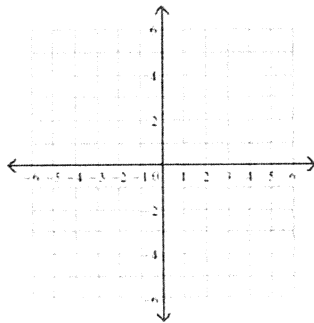
Graph each function. Follow the same steps as in the example above. ****Use a colored pencil to draw in the axis of symmetry.**

1) $y = 3x^2 - 6x + 4$



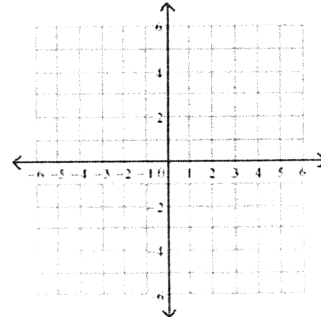
vertex ()

2) $y = x^2 + 4x + 1$



vertex ()

3) $y = -3x^2 + 6$



vertex ()