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Graphs of Quadratic Functions

A **<u>quadratic function</u>** is a function that can be described as...

Consider the following graph of $f(x) = x^2$



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The Standard form for Quadratic Functions

 $f(x) = a (x - h)^2 + k$

We like this form of the function because we can quickly get the information below...

Vertex	
Line of Symmetry	
Opens up	
Onone down	
Opens down	

Examples:

1. $f(x) = 2(x-3)^2 + 5$

a. What is the vertex?	
b. What is the line of symmetry?	
c. Opens up or down	

2. $f(x) = -(x-2)^2 + 3$

a. What is the vertex?	
b. What is the line of symmetry?	
c. Opens up or down?	

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Graph the following:



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Finding the y-intercepts of a Quadratic Function

> Below is the graph for $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 2$



- a) State the Vertex: (_____ , ____)
- b) Locate and state the y-intercept: (_____, ____)
- c) How can we find the y-intercept without using a graph? [Hint: What is the x-coordinate of the y-intercept?]

Finding the x-intercepts of a Quadratic Function

For the following graphs answer the following questions

- a) State the Vertex
- b) Locate and state the x-intercept(s)



How can we find the x-intercept(s) without using a graph? [Hint: What is the y-coordinate of the x-intercept?]