Reflection: Student Worksheet

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Look in the mirror. Raise your right hand. Does your reflection also raise its right hand?

Group Arrangement

Students work individually.



Each student needs:

- 3 sheets of graph paper
- 1 ruler
- · color pencils
- protractors
- stencils (see attached)

Procedure

- 1. Trace the stencil on one side of the x-axis. Press hard with your pencil so your figure can be seen through a folded page. Now mark three points on the figure. Label them A, B, and C.
- 2. Fold the first sheet of paper along the x-axis for a horizontal line of reflection.
- 3. On the back of the graph paper trace the figure, including A, B, and C. Press hard with your pencil. Open the paper and trace that reflection on the front.
- 4. Locate the images of A, B, and C in the reflected figure. Label the points A', B', and C'.

- 5. Use a straightedge and a red pencil to connect A to A', B to B', and C to C'.
- 6. Measure the angles where the line of reflection crosses each red segment. What do you observe?
- 7. Mark the midpoint of each of the red segments. What do you observe?
- 8. Find the coordinates of A, B, and C and A', B', and C'. What do you observe?
- 9. Do numbers 1-8 using the y-axis as a vertical line of reflection.
- 10.Do number 1-8 using the graph of y = x as a diagonal line of reflection.

Math Connection

As a result of this activity, students will learn that some transformations, such as reflections and rotations, do not change the figure itself, only its position or orientation.