

**Objective: Writing and graphing equations of parabolas**

**Warm Up:** Given the circle equation:  $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y + 9 = 0$

$$x^2 + 4x + \underline{4} + y^2 - 6y + \underline{9} = -9 + \underline{4} + \underline{9}$$
$$(x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 4$$

A.) Determine the center

$$(-2, 3)$$

B.) Determine the radius

$$r = 2 \text{ units}$$

C.) Determine the area

$$A = \pi r^2 = \pi (2)^2$$
$$= 4\pi \text{ units}^2$$

D.) Determine the circumference

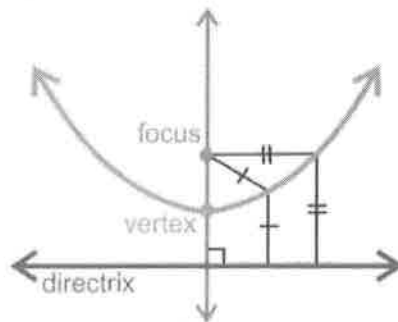
$$C = 2\pi r = 2\pi(2)$$
$$= 4\pi \text{ units}$$

**Key Terms:**

**Parabola:** a relation that has the property that any point on it is equidistant from a point called the **focus** and a line called the **directrix**.

**Vertex:** a point that lies halfway between the focus and directrix

**Focus:** a point that lies on the axis of symmetry (every point lying on parabola is equidistant to the focus)



**Directrix:** a line that is perpendicular to the axis of symmetry

**Axis of Symmetry:** a line that cuts the parabola in half

Parabolas have an awesome property such that the distance from the vertex to the focus & the distance from the vertex to the directrix is the same. We call this distance p.

When a parabola opens up or down

$$(x - h)^2 = 4p(y - k) \Rightarrow X^2$$

- If  $p$  is positive, it opens up
- If  $p$  is negative, it opens down

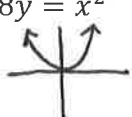
When a parabola opens right or left

$$(y - k)^2 = 4p(x - h) \Rightarrow Y^2$$

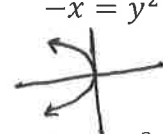
- If  $p$  is positive, it opens to the right
- If  $p$  is negative, it opens to the left

**Example 1:** Determine the direction the parabola opens & draw a brief sketch.


A.)  $8y = x^2$   $X^2 \Rightarrow$  up/down  
 $+8 \Rightarrow$  up



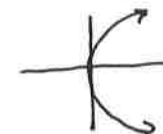
B.)  $-x = y^2$   $Y^2 \Rightarrow$  left/right  
 $-1 \Rightarrow$  left



C.)  $-4y = x^2$   $X^2 \Rightarrow$  up/down  
 $-4 \Rightarrow$  down



D.)  $2x = y^2$   $Y^2 \Rightarrow$  left/right  
 $+2 \Rightarrow$  right



**Example 2:** Graph each parabola and list the vertex, p-value, focus, and directrix.

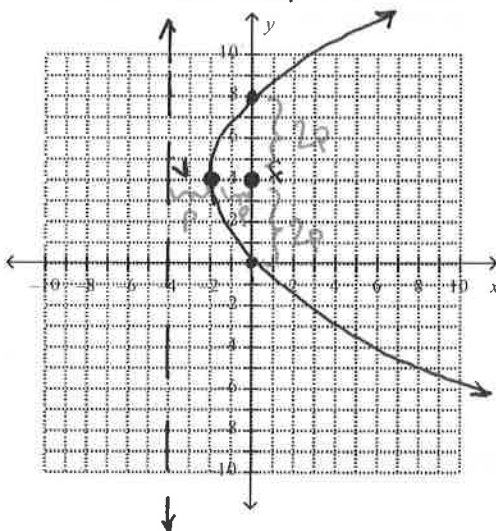
A.)  $(y - 4)^2 = 8(x + 2)$   $Y^2, +8 \Rightarrow$  opens right

Vertex:  $(-2, 4)$

p-value:  $\frac{8}{4} = 2$

Focus:  $(0, 4)$

Directrix:  $x = -4$



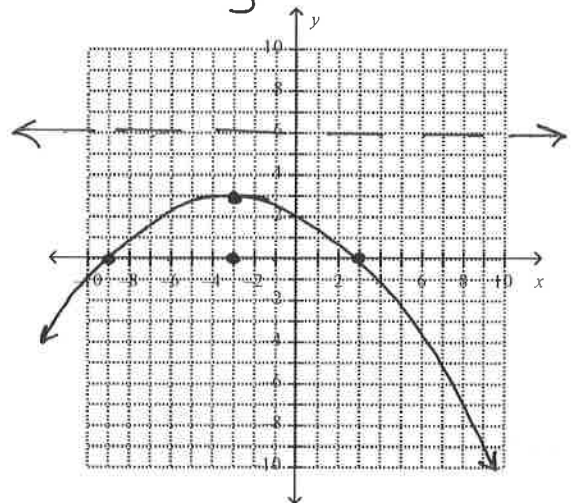
B.)  $(x + 3)^2 = -12(y - 3)$   $X^2, -12 \Rightarrow$  opens down

Vertex:  $(-3, 3)$

p-value:  $\frac{-12}{4} = -3$

Focus:  $(-3, 0)$

Directrix:  $y = 6$



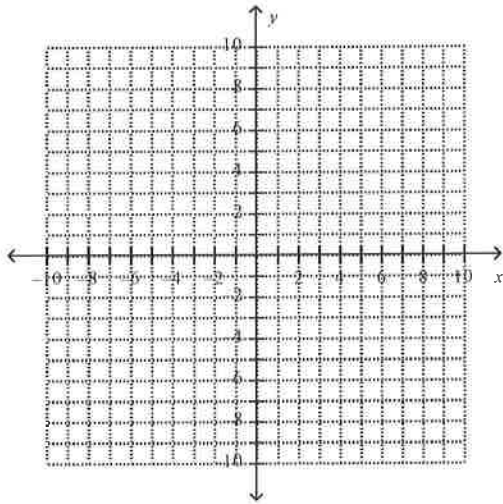
C.)  $(y + 3)^2 = -16(x - 5)$

Vertex:

p-value:

Focus:

Directrix:



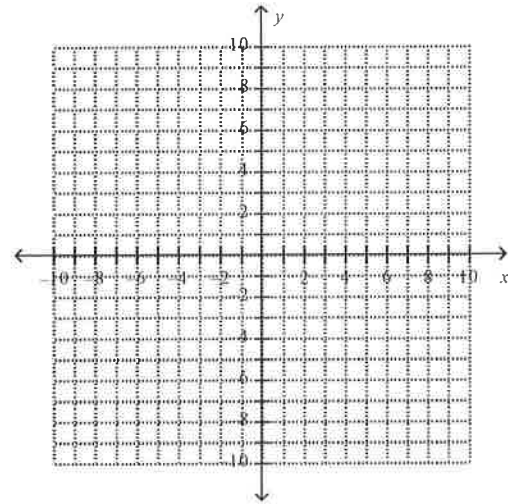
D.)  $(x - 6)^2 = 6y$

Vertex:

p-value:

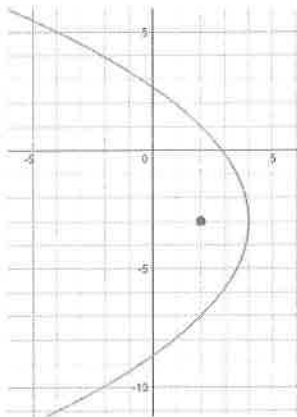
Focus:

Directrix:



**Example 3:** Analyze the following graphs in order to provide the missing information.

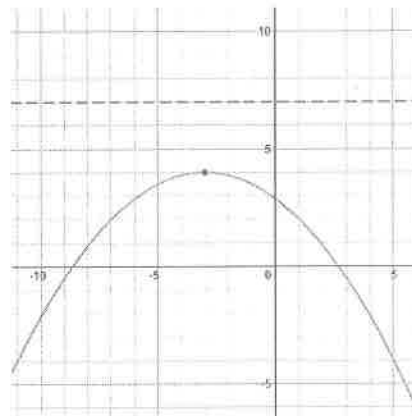
a.)



Directrix:

Equation:

b.)



Focus:

Equation: