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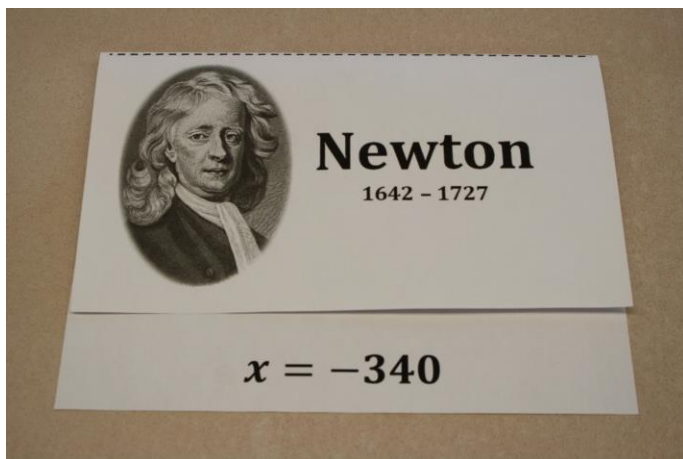
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Materials Included

- Directions
- Teacher's Key
- Student Worksheet
- Scavenger Hunt Problems

Teacher Preparation

1. Print teacher's key and student worksheet (pages 4 - 6).
2. Make copies of the student worksheet for every student in your class.
3. Print the scavenger hunt problems (pages 7-36). **The scavenger hunt problems must be printed double-sided (page 7 is printed on the back of page 8, etc.).** You may have to manually print on both sides or you may have to use a duplex setting on the printer.
4. Fold the scavenger hunt problems on the dotted line.




5. Tape the scavenger hunt problems around the classroom making sure that students are able to reach them.

Getting Students Started

1. Pass out the student worksheets.
2. The first few times I do a scavenger hunt with a class I work through one scavenger hunt problem with the class. If possible, project the student worksheet on the SMART Board or document camera.
3. Students will start at a scavenger hunt problem by writing down the mathematician on the outside flap.
4. Students will then open the flap and write down the problem on the inside.
5. Students will find the answer to the problem on their worksheet.

6. Students will then search for the answer on the bottom of another scavenger hunt problem around the classroom. Students will write down the mathematician once they've found it and repeat the process.


Newton
1642 - 1727



Solve.
 $-3 = \sqrt{6x - 26} - x$

$x = -340$

Leibniz
1646 - 1716

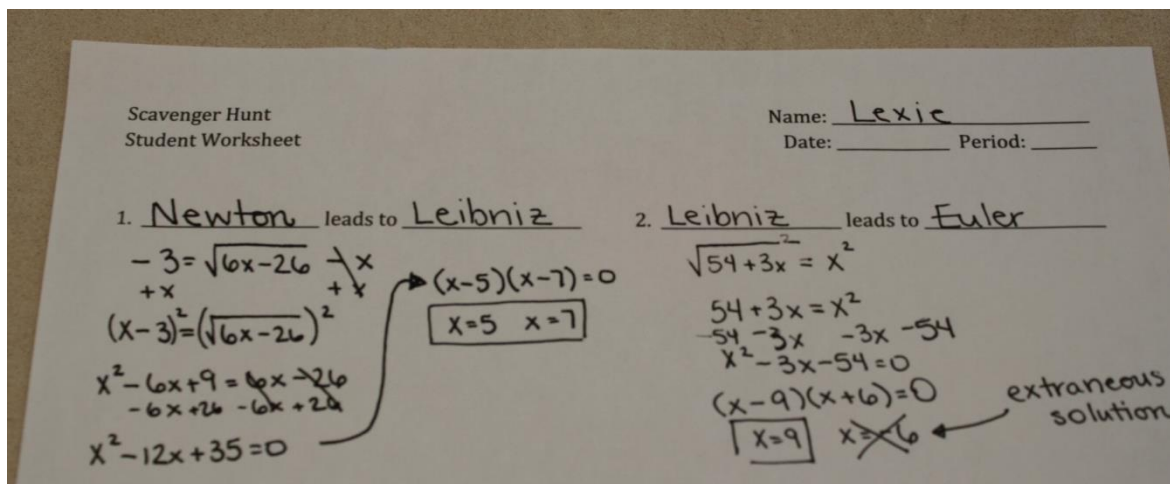


Solve.
 $\sqrt{54 + 3x} = x$

$x = 5, 7$

7. Students will know that they are finished when they loop back around to the scavenger hunt problem they started with.

Example Student Worksheet:



Scavenger Hunt Student Worksheet

Name: Lexie
Date: _____ Period: _____

1. Newton leads to Leibniz

$$-3 = \sqrt{6x - 26} - x$$

$$(x-3)^2 = (\sqrt{6x-26})^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 6x - 26$$

$$x^2 - 12x + 35 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x-7) = 0$$

$x = 5 \quad x = 7$

2. Leibniz leads to Euler

$$\sqrt{54 + 3x} = x$$

$$54 + 3x = x^2$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 54 = 0$$

$$(x-9)(x+6) = 0$$

$x = 9 \quad x = -6$ ← extraneous solution

I hope that you and your students enjoy the scavenger hunt game. If you ever have any questions, please let me know. I am always looking for ways to improve so please leave your feedback and rating. Thank you!

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Scavenger Hunt Teacher Key

Newton leads to Leibniz

Leibniz leads to Euler

Euler leads to Euclid

Euclid leads to Abel

Abel leads to Fibonacci

Fibonacci leads to Gauss

Gauss leads to Archimedes

Archimedes leads to Riemann

Riemann leads to Fermat

Fermat leads to Hilbert

Hilbert leads to Cantor

Cantor leads to Pascal

Pascal leads to Jacobi

Jacobi leads to Hamilton

Hamilton leads to Newton (go to top of page)

Students will be starting in different places for the scavenger hunt. To use this key, you must find where the student started and go from there.

Scavenger Hunt
Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____ Period: _____

1. _____ leads to _____

2. _____ leads to _____

3. _____ leads to _____

4. _____ leads to _____

5. _____ leads to _____

6. _____ leads to _____

7. _____ leads to _____

8. _____ leads to _____

9. _____ leads to _____

10. _____ leads to _____

11. _____ leads to _____

12. _____ leads to _____

13. _____ leads to _____

14. _____ leads to _____

15. _____ leads to _____

16. _____ leads to _____



1642 - 1727

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Leibniz



Solve

$$\sqrt{54 + 3x} = x$$

$$x = 5, 7$$



1707 - 1783

Euler

Solve

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{8}} + 6 = 4$$

$$x = 9$$

Around 300 BCE

Euclid



Solve

$$\sqrt[4]{10 - x} = \sqrt[4]{x - 4}$$

No Solution

1802 - 1829

Abel



Solve

$$56 = 7\sqrt{x - 10}$$

$$x = 7$$



1170 - 1250

Fibonacci

Solve

$$\sqrt[3]{-3 - x} = 1$$

$$x = 74$$

1777 - 1855
Gauss



Solve

$$\sqrt[5]{3x - 7} = \sqrt[5]{x + 3}$$

$$x = -4$$



287 BCE - 212 BCE

Archimedes



Solve

$$\sqrt{-72 + 17x} = x$$

$$x = 5$$



1826 - 1866

Riemann



Solve

$$**x = 6 + \sqrt{4x - 28}**$$

$$**x = 8, 9**$$

1601 - 1665

Fermat



Solve

$$8\sqrt{2x - 6} + 4 = 68$$

$$x = 8$$

1862 - 1943

Hilbert



Solve

$$\sqrt[100]{-1 - 11x} = \sqrt[100]{2x + 12}$$

$$x = 35$$

1845 - 1918

Cantor



Solve

$$\sqrt{29 - 5x} = x - 1$$

$$x = -1$$



1623 - 1662

Pascal

Solve

$$5\sqrt[3]{4x} - 2 = 18$$

$$x = 4$$

1804 - 1851
Jacobi



Solve

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = 9$$

$$x = 16$$

1805 - 1865

Hamilton



Solve

$$\mathbf{10\sqrt[5]{4 - 3x} = 40}$$

$$\mathbf{x = 729}$$