

Algebra 2  
Writing a Quadratic Function in Vertex Form NOTES

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Vertex Form:

Ex1. Write in Vertex Form (hint: you must complete the square).

A)  $y = x^2 - 12x + 18$

STEP ONE:

STEP TWO:

STEP THREE:

STEP FOUR: write the vertex as an ordered pair  
(x, y)

B)  $y = x^2 + 6x + 4$

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REVIEW: How many ways can we solve a quadratic equation for  $x$ ?

#1: solve by factoring.  $x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0$

#2: solve by using a square root.  $3x^2 + 20 = 2$

#3: solve by completing the square.  
(we use this method when we  
can't factor the trinomial)

$$x^2 + 6x - 95 = -4$$