Math Homework Guide

Use your homework as an opportunity to identify what you understand and where you need some help. For each problem-type on your homework, answer the following questions:

- 1. Classify the Problem. What type of problem is this? What am I being asked to solve?
- 2. Write down the concepts that are being tested in the question.
- 3. Write down the formulas that you need to solve the problem.
- 4. Solve the problem making sure to show your work.
- 5. Explain why you are doing each step.

Write out in words what you did to solve the problem and why you did each step.

Step	(Why) Explanation/Reason/Rule
1.	
2.	
3.	

6. Analyze the problem.

- Is there a certain way to set up the problem each time?
- Can you establish a rule? I always do__ when I see __.
- Are there any variations that affect what you do to solve?
 (Examples: Reciprocals, converting point-slope form to slope-intercept form, etc.)
- **7. Solidify your Knowledge.** Complete 2 more problems of the same problem-type to confirm your understanding.

Need help with particular problems?

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Math Department Academic Support (Including Outreach)