MEDIAN AND ALTITUDE

LEARNING GOALS

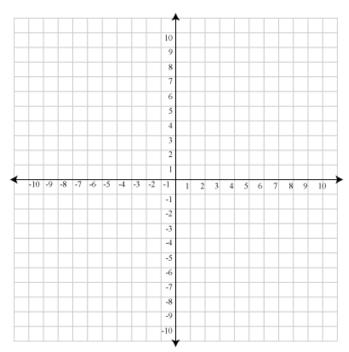
Students will:

• Learn how to find the altitude of a triangle.

REVIEW: MEDIAN

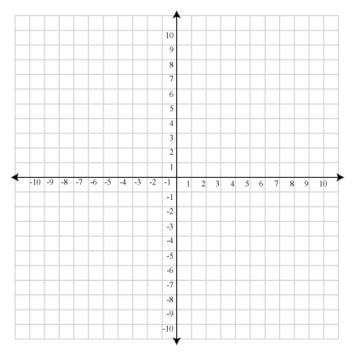
EXAMPLE 1: DETERMINE A GEOMETRIC PROPERTY ALGEBRAICALLY

The vertices of triangle ABC are A (5, 5), B (-3, -1), and C (1, -3). Determine whether triangle ABC is a right triangle.



EXAMPLE 2: MEDIAN TO HYPOTENUSE

Show that the median from the right angle of the triangle in Example 2, is half as long as the hypotenuse.



ALTITUDE

Altitude	itude			

EXAMPLE 3: AREA OF A TRIANGLE

Show that the altitude from each vertex of $\triangle ABC$ can be used to find the area of the triangle.

