

**Project Title : CSI Algebra: Lines**

**Standard Focus:** Patterns, Algebra and Functions

**Time Range :** 1-3 Days

**Supplies :** Pencil and Paper

**Topics of Focus :**

- Slope
- Calculating, graphing and interpreting lines
- Parallel and Perpendicular lines

This particular was mapped to the curriculum in Glencoe Algebra 1 for 5 and can be used as an enrichment or review activity.

Functions	8.F	3. Interpret the equation $y = mx + b$ as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear.
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Interpreting Functions	F-IF	7. Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graphs, including intercepts and simple asymptotes, and use technology for more complex graphing.
Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations	G-GPE	5. Prove the slope criteria for parallel and perpendicular lines and use them to solve geometric problems (e.g., find the equation of a line parallel or perpendicular to a given line that passes through a given point).
Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations	G-GPE	6. Find the point on a directed line segment between two given points that partitions the segment in a given ratio.
Using Statistics to Draw Inferences from Quantitative Data	7.SP	6c. Fit a linear function for a scatter plot that suggests a linear association.

**Procedures:**

- A.) Student will be given the letter from Chief Harris, the possible suspects, and crime scene puzzles.
- B.) Students will work in pairs or individually to solve the crime.

C.) Students will determine which suspect should be arrested.

D.) Students will create a portfolio of evidence proving that they have arrested the right person and will demonstrate their understanding of their mathematical content present in the problem.

\*E.) Students can present their evidence to the class as an oral presentation.

\*Extensions

SAMPLE

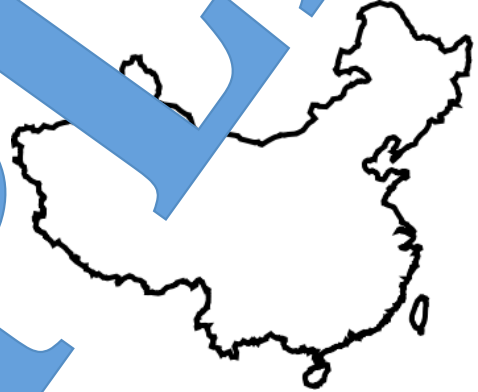
# CSI Algebra: Lines



Detectives,

The sun sets, the winds blow, and the international evil genius terrorist group the Mathemagicians wreak havoc on yet another world region. It seems they are making plans to build a world conquering device despite our best efforts to apprehend their cronies. The victim of the latest string of heists at the hands of a henchman (or henchwoman), Li Squareds. The issue, Li Squareds is definitely some kind of henchperson.

As has become the calling card of the Mathemagicians, they have left behind a trail of notes with a cryptic text message. The text message when substituted correctly will calculate to the Li's favorite number. So far there are six suspects that have been questioned. It is hoped that someone with a relatively strong number sense and spatial reasoning can crack the codes that have puzzled the detectives on the case so far.



Your job is to bring Li Squareds to justice and save the world. You need to be prepared to state your findings and demonstrate your understanding of the following skills as shown to use in the notes.

- Slope & Rates of Change
- Calculating, graphing, and writing equations of lines
- Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

Be sure to include:

- Other relevant concepts
- Definitions

Any other relevant information.

This is not a time to be sloppy. The slightest miscalculation or illegible footnote could result in a not guilty verdict. Be cautious that use of a calculator might prematurely set off his world conquering device. Good luck to you, mathshoe.

Chief Harris



# CSI: THE EVIDENCE



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1.

**CLUE**

2.

**CLUE**

3.

**CLUE**

**SAMPLE**



4.

**CLUE**

5.

**CLUE**

6.

**CLUE**

**CRYPTIC TEXT MESSAGE**

**SUSPECT**

**SAMPLE**

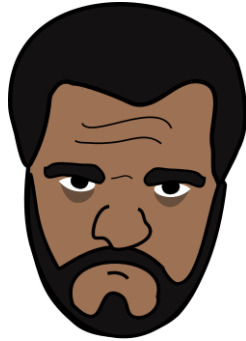
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Name: Ken

Occupation: Butcher

Favorite Number : 7



Name: Tripiti

Occupation: Pet Store Owner

Favorite Number: 10



Name: Brandi

Occupation: Realtor

Favorite Number: 13



Name: Mike

Occupation: Rock Star / Philosopher

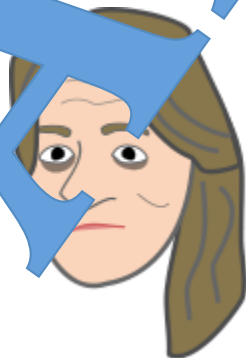
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Name: Dawne

Occupation: Archivist

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Occupation: Insurance Salesman

Favorite Number: 11





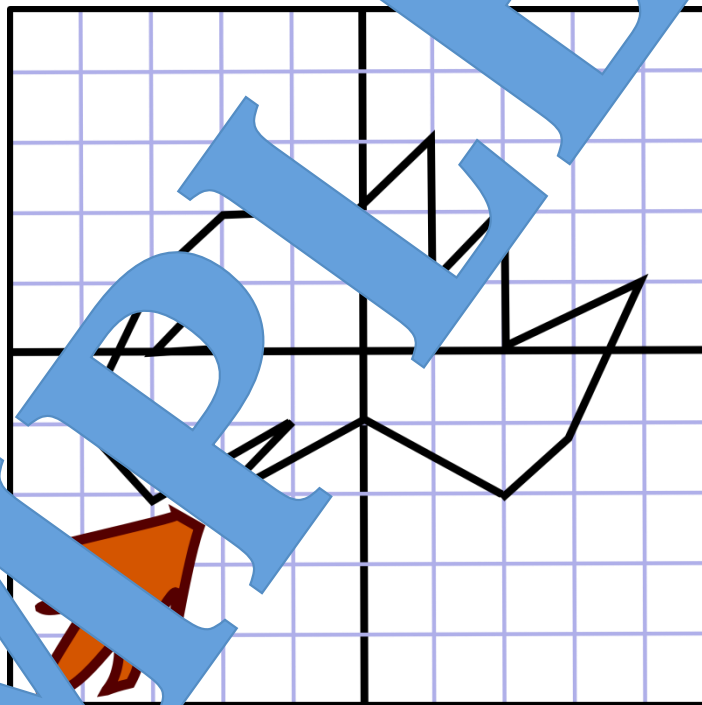
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龍 = \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ = 2



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Which one is the fastest? (x = hours, y = miles. I'm using mph instead of km/h for you silly Americans.)

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U	D	T	M	B
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**(letter of train) = (slope of train)**

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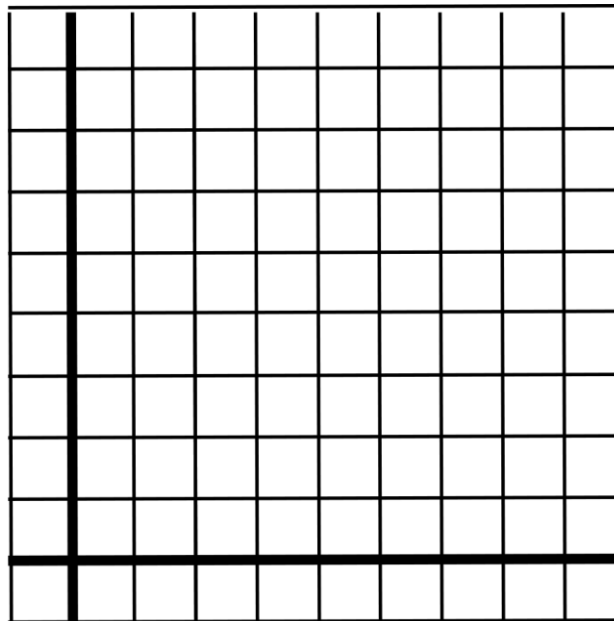
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**hill**

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**(fastest hill) = (its slope)**

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_



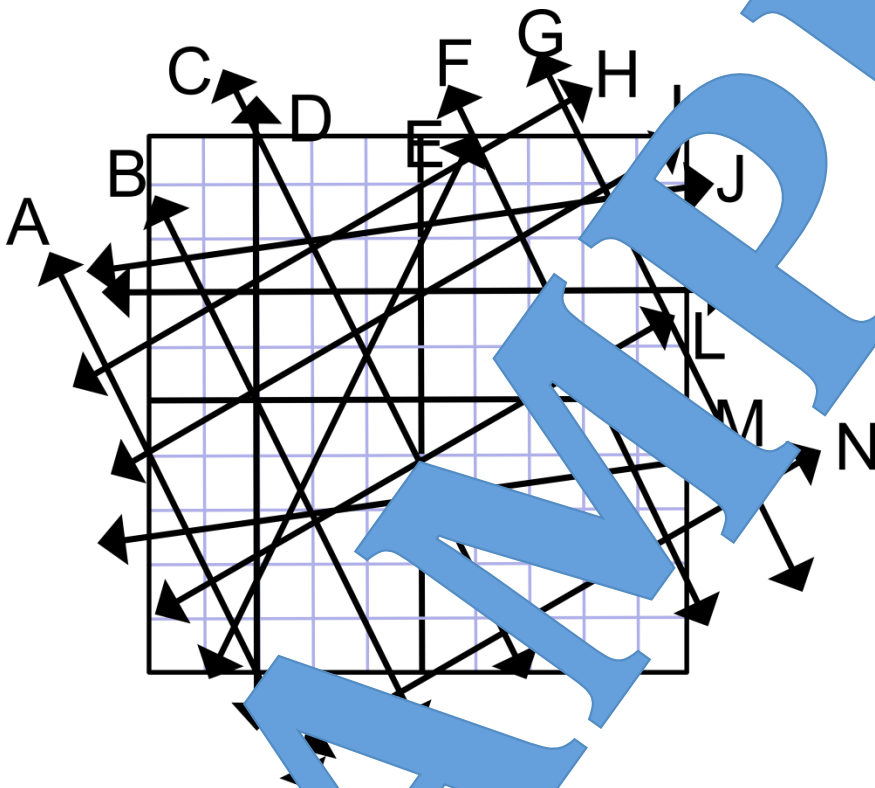


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Inside what is now the modern Palace Museum, curators discovered nine ritual bronze vessels of the Shang and Zhou eras were stolen. These vessels demonstrate the technological sophistication of early metal casting. Li Squareds left this note their place.

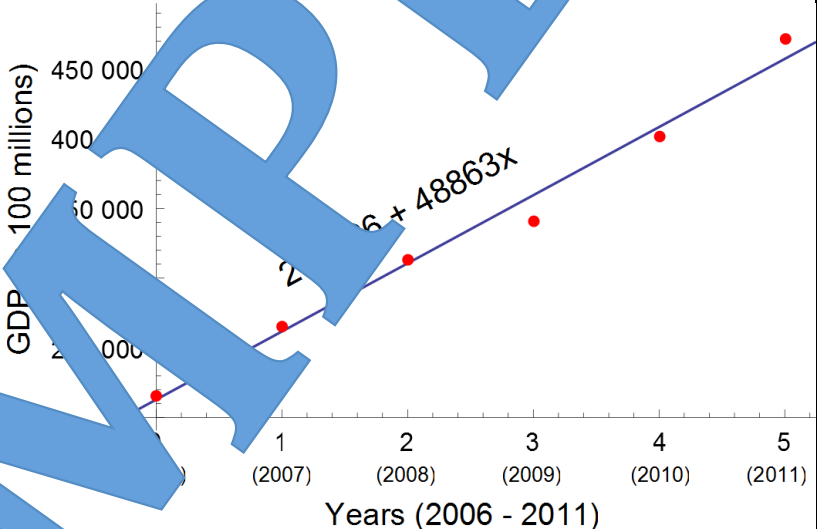


有一个愉快的一天

钱 = \_\_\_\_\_

Change is good. For change is better. You should take a look at China's recent Gross Domestic Product. It's on the rise and up

Based on the trend line, what is the GDP predicted to be in the year 2018?



Year	GDP (100 million)
2007	~100,000
2008	~150,000
2009	~200,000
2010	~250,000
2011	~300,000

CRYPTIC PUZZLE SOLVER TEXT MESSAGE

Double check your stroke order when using your Mandarin. Loving Lines. ttyl Li Squareds

**(M + 喜) \* 钱 + (龙 \* U) + [(T + M - 喜) / 龙]**

Thank you for being my Math Friend!

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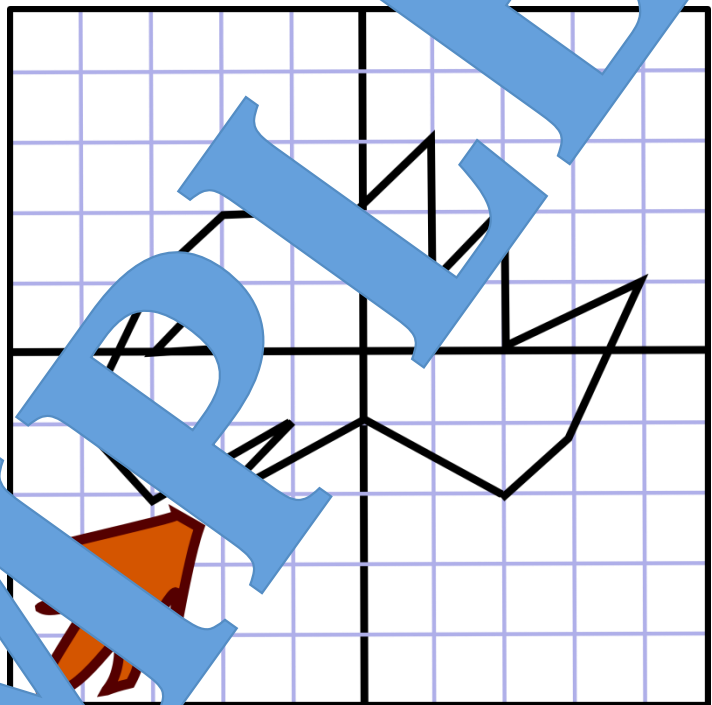
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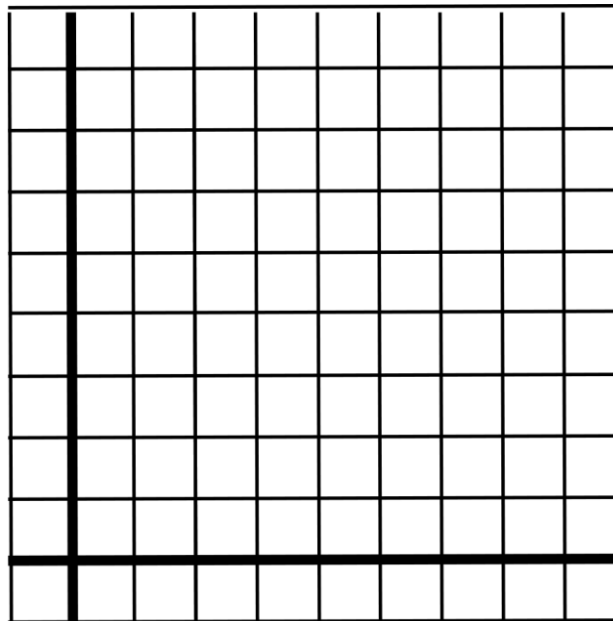
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**Hill M slope = -3/5,**

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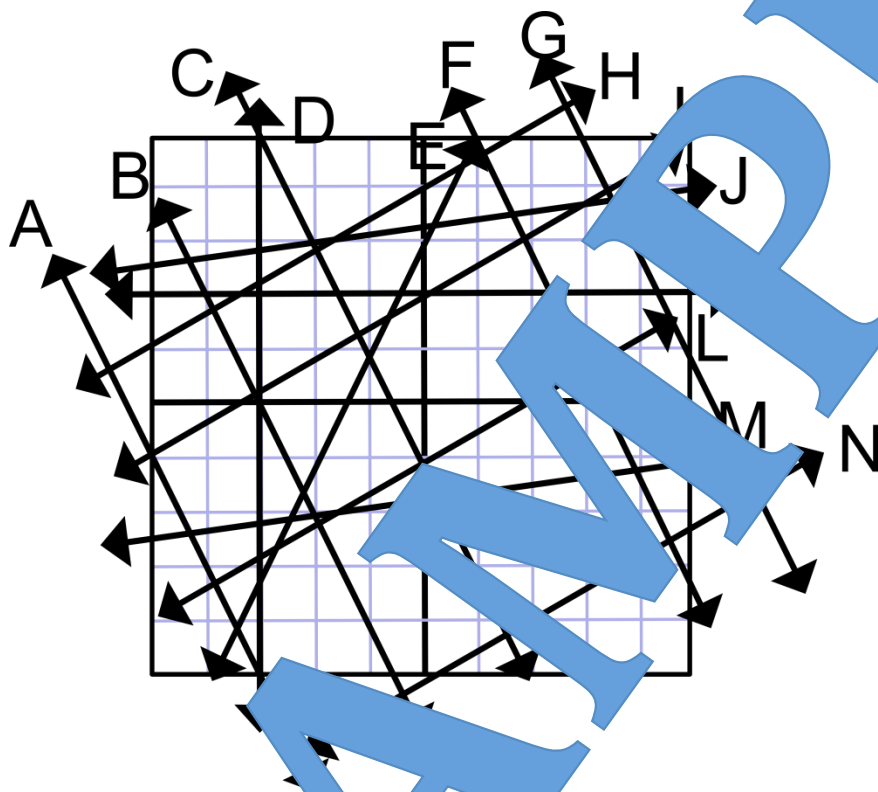


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