

GEOMETRY WRITING ASSIGNMENT—AREA OF PLANE FIGURES

Due Date _____

Points Possible _____

(Points will be deducted for a late assignment, regardless of the reason it is turned in late.)

Task: Find the total area of a plane figure composed of at least two plane figures, and explain the solution with complete sentences and accurate calculations.

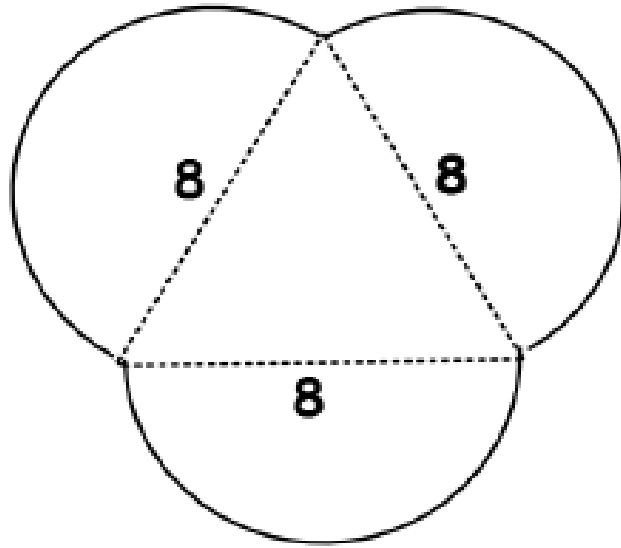
Directions: (see sample on back)

1. Draw a plane figure composed of at least two different plane figures. Use a ruler and/or circle template or compass as needed. Label all measurements, and try to draw the figure to scale.
2. Give a step-by-step detailed written explanation along with accurate calculations, that show how to calculate the total area of the plane figure.

To get a perfect score, you must:

- Complete the task on time.
- Do all work NEATLY in ink or on a computer.
- Use complete sentences and show accurate work.
- Make up your own figure—you may not copy a figure from the textbook, class notes, homework, your friend, etc.
- Do this on your own. You may however, ask Mrs. Bryant whether or not you are doing the assignment correctly.

SAMPLE



1. I found the height of the equilateral triangle to be $4\sqrt{3}$ using a 30° - 60° - 90° triangle.
2. I calculated the area of the equilateral triangle.

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(8)(4\sqrt{3}) = 16\sqrt{3} \text{ square units}$$

3. I calculated the area of the 3 congruent semicircles with radius 4.

$$A = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi \cdot 4^2\right) = 3(8\pi) = 24\pi \text{ square units}$$

4. I added the area of the equilateral triangle and the area of the 3 semicircles.

$$\text{Total Area} = 16\sqrt{3} + 24\pi \text{ square units}$$