

4.3 Writing Quadratic Equations

Write the quadratic equation for the following.

- 1) x - intercepts of $(2, 0)$ and $(-4, 0)$ and passes through the point $(-1, -3)$.
- 2) x - intercepts of $(-7, 0)$ and $(5, 0)$ and passes through the point $(-2, 10)$.

- 3) Vertex: $(-1, 9)$ and passes through the point $(3, 7)$
- 4) Vertex: $(3, -3)$ and passes through the point $(7, -9)$

Given the following scenario, write an equation that would model each parabolic curve.

- 5) The cables of the Golden Gate Bridge create a parabola. The towers are 600 feet apart and 80 feet tall. The cable touches the road halfway between the towers. Write an equation that models the curve.

- 6) Audrey throws a ball in the air, and the path the ball makes is modeled by a parabola, measured in feet. After 6 seconds the ball reaches its maximum height of 35 feet. If Audrey lets go of the ball 4 feet off of the ground, what is the equation of the line that models this curve?
- 7) Landon joined the circus and his act is to walk the tight rope. When he is in the middle of the 60 foot rope, the rope sags by 3 feet. As he walks along the rope, his path forms a parabolic curve. What equation would model this curve if the tightrope platform stands 50 feet off of the ground?
- 8) A parabolic stream of water is spraying out of a hole in the floor two feet behind Veronica. The water is passing over her at a height of six feet. It then lands on the floor 18 feet in front of her. Write the equation for the stream of water.
- 9) Part of a playground jungle gym has a metal arch. The arch has various footholds to make it climbable. One of these footholds is 2 feet off the ground and 2 feet from the end of the arch. If the ends of the arch are 7 feet apart, what is the equation that can model the arch?

10) As your friend does a backbend, you notice that it makes the shape of a parabola. When bent over, your friend's hands are 2 feet away from her feet. The highest spot of the backbend is halfway between her feet at 2.5 feet. Find the equation to model the backbend.

11) A ball is thrown into the air. The path of the ball is represented by the equation $h = -(t - 4)^2 + 16$ where h represents height and t represents time.

a. Sketch a graph of the situation. Be sure to label your axes.

b. What is the ball's maximum height? _____

c. How long does it take for the ball to hit that maximum height? _____

d. How high will the ball be after 5 seconds? 2 seconds? _____

e. At what time will the ball bounce on the ground? _____

f. What is an appropriate domain and range for this situation?