

# Unit #1: Congruence, Proof, Constructions, Parallel Lines, and Quadrilaterals

Content Area: **Mathematics**  
Course(s): **Geometry**  
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## Enduring Understandings

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1. A proof is a logical argument that uses definitions, theorems, and postulates to demonstrate that a mathematical statement is true.
2. There are several ways to make constructions and perform transformations.
3. Each type of quadrilateral has properties that make it unique.

## Standards

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MA.G-CO.A.1	Know precise definitions of angle, circle, perpendicular line, parallel line, and line segment, based on the undefined notions of point, line, distance along a line, and distance around a circular arc.
MA.G-CO.A.2	Represent transformations in the plane using, e.g., transparencies and geometry software; describe transformations as functions that take points in the plane as inputs and give other points as outputs. Compare transformations that preserve distance and angle to those that do not (e.g., translation versus horizontal stretch).
MA.G-CO.A.5	Given a geometric figure and a rotation, reflection, or translation, draw the transformed figure using, e.g., graph paper, tracing paper, or geometry software. Specify a sequence of transformations that will carry a given figure onto another.
MA.G-CO.B.6	Use geometric descriptions of rigid motions to transform figures and to predict the effect of a given rigid motion on a given figure; given two figures, use the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions to decide if they are congruent.
MA.G-CO.B.7	Use the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions to show that two triangles are congruent if and only if corresponding pairs of sides and corresponding pairs of angles are congruent.
MA.G-CO.B.8	Explain how the criteria for triangle congruence (ASA, SAS, and SSS) follow from the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions.
MA.G-CO.C.9	Prove theorems about lines and angles.
MA.G-CO.C.10	Prove theorems about triangles.
MA.G-CO.C.11	Prove theorems about parallelograms.
MA.G-CO.D.12	Make formal geometric constructions with a variety of tools and methods (compass and straightedge, string, reflective devices, paper folding, dynamic geometric software, etc.).
LA.RST.11-12.3	Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks; analyze the specific results based on

explanations in the text.

## **Essential Questions**

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1. How does writing a proof make you a more logical thinker?
2. How do you use triangle congruence to solve mathematical and real-world problems?
3. How does explaining my process help me to understand a problem solution better?
4. How can transformations and constructions be used to investigate and describe geometric situations?
5. How does geometry shape our world?
6. When parallel lines are cut by a transversal, what is the relationship between pairs of angles formed?
7. How are special quadrilaterals similar to and different from each other?

## **Knowledge and Skills**

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Introduction to Geometry, Basic Definitions, and Congruent Triangles:

- Recognize building blocks of Geometry
- Correctly interpret geometric diagrams
- Write two column proofs
- Identify the tools and procedures used in constructions
- Perform useful constructions
- Draw logical conclusions based on given information
- Recognize and apply operational properties of segments and angles
- Prove triangles congruent
- Apply the principle of CPCTC
- Recognize basic properties of circles
- Identify medians and altitudes of triangles
- Name the various triangles and their parts
- Use angle-side theorems in proofs and applied problems

Parallel Lines, Polygons, and Quadrilaterals:

- Use different methods to prove lines parallel
- Identify pairs of angles formed from a transversal cut through parallel lines
- Identify properties of polygons
- Identify special types of quadrilaterals
- Identify properties of parallelograms and other quadrilaterals
- Prove that quadrilaterals are parallelograms
- Apply theorems about interior and exterior angles of triangles
- Use formulas that apply to polygons

## **Transfer Goals**

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Recognize and solve practical or theoretical problems involving Geometry, including those for which the solution approach is not obvious, by using mathematical reasoning and strategic thinking.

Problems often have multiple methods for being solved and there is often an optimal technique.

## **Resources**

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Informal Geometry, by Cox

Geometry for Enjoyment and Challenge, by Rhoad

Moises Geometry, by Moise

[Khan Academy](#)

[PurpleMath](#)

[KutaSoftware](#)

[CK-12](#)

[Quizlet](#)

[Albert I/O](#)

[Desmos](#)

[Problem-Attic](#)

[Classkick](#)

