

**Warm Up**  
**Let's Factor...**

1.  $6r^3 + 24r$   
 $6r(r^2 + 4)$

2.  $x^2 + x - 30$   
 $(x+6)(x-5)$

3.  $12x^2 - 20x - 8$   
 $4(3x^2 - 5x - 2)$   
 $4(3x+1)(x-2)$

*Handwritten notes for problem 1: AC 1, B -30, 6, -5*

*Handwritten notes for problem 2: AC 1, B -30, 6, -5*

*Handwritten notes for problem 3: AC 1, B -30, 6, -5*

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Day 2 - Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions 2-26-15

**Steps for Multiplying & Dividing Rationals:**

- 1) Flip the 2nd fraction. (**Only if you're dividing!!!**)
- 2) Factor everything (numerators and denominators).
- 2) Cancel matching factors from top and bottom.
- 3) Write (and multiply) what's left.

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$$\frac{(b+5)(b-10)}{1(-10+b)} \cdot \frac{4}{(b-4)(b+5)} = \frac{4}{-1(b-4)}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{b-4}$$

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Ex 1)  $\frac{x-2}{2x-3} \cdot \frac{4x-6}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$

$$\frac{\cancel{x-2}}{2 \times 3} \cdot \frac{2(2x-3)}{(x+2)\cancel{(x-2)}} = \frac{2}{x+2}$$

Ex 2)  $\frac{x^2-16}{x^2-4x+4} \cdot \frac{x^2-2x}{x^3+4x^2}$

$$\frac{(x-4)\cancel{(x+4)}}{(x-2)\cancel{(x-2)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x}(x-2)}{\cancel{x^2}(x+4)} = \frac{x-4}{x(x-2)}$$

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Ex 3)  $\frac{3x^2 - 7x + 4}{x + 7} \div \frac{x^2 - 10x + 9}{x + 7}$

Ex 4)  $\frac{x + 3}{x^2 - 2x + 1} \div \frac{5(x + 3)}{20x^2 - 20}$

$\frac{1-2}{4-1}$   $\frac{\cancel{x+3} \cdot \cancel{20} \cancel{x} \cancel{(x+1)}}{(x-1)\cancel{(x-1)} \cdot \cancel{5} \cancel{(x+3)}} = \frac{4(x+1)}{x-1}$

- Conclusion**
1. When simplifying rational expressions, what is the very first thing you do? **FACTOR**
  2. What must you do to the 2nd fraction when dividing? **FLIP**
  3. Do you see the importance of knowing how to factor now? **yes**
  4. Questions???

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**Assignment:**  
**Day 2 - Multiplying & Dividing Rational Expressions Wkst**

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