Subject: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Pre-Calculus	
Topic: Function Representation of Horizontal & Vertical Reflections on Coordinate Plane	
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Stage I – Desired Results	
Lesson Overview: In this lesson students will observe the relationship between the graph of a function	
and its corresponding function notation, $I(-x)$ and $-I(x)$, as effected by reflections over the x-axis or the y-	
function notation is inside or outside the function	
Standards Addressed:	
CCSS 8.F.2: Define, evaluate, and compare functions	
2) Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically,	
numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions). *Function notation is not required in 8th grade.	
CCSS F-BF.3: Build new functions from existing functions 3) Identify the effect on the graph of replacing $f(x)$ by $f(x) + k - k - f(x)$, $f(kx)$, and $f(x + k)$ for exactly indicated by $f(x) + k - k - k - k - k - k - k - k - k - k$	
5) Identify the effect on the graph of replacing $f(x)$ by $f(x) + k$, $k f(x)$, $f(kx)$, and $f(x + k)$ for specific values of k (both positive and negative); find the value of k given the graphs. Experiment with cases	
and illustrate an explanation of the effects on the graph using technology <i>Include recognizing even</i>	
and odd functions from their graphs and algebraic expressions for them.	
Enduring Understanding:	Essential Questions:
Graphs Reflected Over the Y-Axis:	• What type of reflection results when graphing
 Horizontal change to the graph 	f(-x)?
• Represented as f(-x)	• What is the axis of symmetry?
Graphs Reflected Over the X-Axis:	• What type of reflection results when graphing
• Vertical change to the graph	-f(x)?
• Represented as $-f(x)$	• What is the axis of symmetry?
Students will need to:	Students will be able to:
Understand function notation	• Identify reflections as negation either
• Understand the concept of lines of symmetry	inside or outside of the function.
	• Draw the reflections of a functions over the
	x-axis or the y-axis
Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence	
Performance Tasks: Other Evidence:	
In this activity students will be asked to:	• To be decided by the teacher.
• Predict what will happen to a new graph	
based upon prior experience.	
 Predict the changes to the coordinates of 	
points when the graph is reflected over	
either the x or y-axis	
• Create written reflections comparing their	
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Stage 3 – Learning Plan	
Lesson Procedure:	Required Materials:
This lesson could be used as an introduction to the	Computer for each student.
concept of reflections or for a lesson introducing	
the concept of reflections or a means of	(Optional) A printer to document student responses
reinforcement of prior learning.	to open response questions, their prediction graphs, and/or concept overview pages.
The student portion of the lesson will require	
approximately 20 minutes. Additional time will be	(Optional) Math journal to record answers to some
needed for follow-up based upon the needs of the	open response questions, such as page 4 and 6.
class as determined by the teacher.	Some teachers may consider this an appropriate
	place to keep a record of the students work in case
The student responses on page 4 and page 6 would	they are needed for review, etc.
be artifacts that demonstrate their understanding of	
the main concepts as stated in the discussion	
questions below. Printing page 4 would have the	
advantage of including the graphs created by the	
students. These printed responses could be	
included in the student's math journal or used as	
evidence of learning for homework.	
Possible Discussion Questions for Students:	Sample Answers to Discussion Questions:
1. How would you describe reflecting a graph	1. Reflecting over the x-axis is a horizontal
over the x-axis?	change to the graph with the x-axis serving as a
2. How would you describe reflecting a graph	line of symmetry. The y-coordinates of the
over the y-axis?	points reflected are the opposite while the x-
3. A graph containing the points $A(3, -2) \& B(-1, -2) $	coordinates are unchanged.
-5) is reflected over the x-axis. What are the	2. Reflecting over the y-axis is a vertical change
coordinates of corresponding points on the	to the graph with the y-axis serving as a line of
graph of the reflection?	symmetry. The x-coordinates of the points
4. A graph containing the points $L(2, 3)$ & M(-4, -	reflected are the opposite while the y-
6) is reflected over the y-axis. What are the	coordinates are unchanged.
coordinates of the corresponding points on the	3. $A'(3,2) \& B'(-1,5)$
graph of the reflection?	4. L'(-2, 3) & M'(4, -5)