## Applying Congruent Triangles - Bisectors, Medians and Altitudes

Median: a segment in a triangle that connects a vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.


Altitude: a segment in a triangle that connects a vertex to the side opposite forming a perpendicular.


Angle Bisector: a segment that bisects an angle in a triangle and connects a vertex to the opposite side.


Perpendicular Bisector: a segment in a triangle that passes through the midpoint of a side and is perpendicular to that side.


Theorem 5-1.2: A point is on the perpendicular bisector IFF it is equidistant from the endpoints of the segment.


Draw and label a figure to illustrate each situation.
\#1) $\overline{P T}$ and $\overline{R S}$ are medians of triangle $\triangle \mathrm{PQR}$ and intersect at V.

\#2) $\overline{A D}$ is a median and an altitude of $\triangle A B C$.

\#3) $\triangle \mathrm{DEF}$ is a right triangle with right angle at $\mathrm{F} . \overline{F G}$ is a median of $\triangle \mathrm{DEF}$ and $\overline{G H}$ is the perpendicular bisector of $\overline{D E}$.


State whether each sentence is always, sometimes, or never true.
\#4) Three medians of a triangle intersect at a point inside the triangle.

\#5) The three angle bisectors of a triangle intersect at a point outside the triangle.

\#6) The three altitudes of a triangle intersect at a vertex of the triangle.


Sometimes

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(2)

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\begin{array}{rlrl}
4 x-6 & =90 & B D & =2 x-15 \\
4 x & =96 & & =2(24)-15 \\
x & =24 & & =48-15 \\
B D & =33
\end{array}
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\#8) $\overline{A D}$ is a median of $\triangle A B C$. Find $m \angle A D C$


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\begin{aligned}
(1) B D & =D C \\
2 x-15 & =x+7 \\
x-15 & =7 \\
x & =22
\end{aligned}
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(2)

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m \angle A D C=4 x-6 B
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=4(22)-6
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=88-6
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m \angle A D C=82
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\#9) Find the midpoint of $A(2,4)$ and $B(-5,8)$

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\begin{aligned}
& M=\left(\frac{\Sigma x}{2}, \frac{\Sigma y}{2}\right) \\
& M=\left(\frac{(2)+(-5)}{2}, \frac{(4)+(8)}{2}\right) \\
& N=\left(\frac{-3}{2}, \frac{12}{2}\right) \\
& N=\left(-\frac{3}{2}, 6\right)
\end{aligned}
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\#10) Find $\mathrm{m} \angle \mathrm{ABC}$ if $\overline{B D}$ is an angle bisector of $\triangle A B C$.

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\begin{gathered}
m \angle A B D+m \angle D B C=m \angle A B C \\
(6 x+3)+(6 x+3)=13 x+4 \\
12 x+6=13 x+4 \\
6=x+4
\end{gathered}
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m \angle A B C=13 x+4
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=13(2)+4
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=26+4
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m \angle A B C=30^{\circ}
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\#11 $\widehat{A D}$ is a perpendicular bisector of $\overline{B C}$. Find $\boldsymbol{X}$ and $\boldsymbol{Y}$.

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\begin{aligned}
C D & =D B \\
3 x+7 & =x+15 \\
2 x+7 & =15 \\
2 x & =8 \\
x & =4
\end{aligned}
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(2)
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B
$2 y-30=90$ $2 y=120$ $y=60$

