

Geometry CC – Mr. Valentino
Unit 3 Lesson 2: Centroids

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THE MAGIC OF CENTROIDS!

1. Label the vertices of your triangle ABC
2. Use your ruler to find the midpoint of each side of triangle ABC.
3. Label the midpoint of AB "X", the midpoint of BC "Y" and the midpoint of AC "Z". (put the letters inside the triangle)
4. Using your straightedge connect points X and C, points Y and A and points Z and B. (These lines are your MEDIANS)
5. All 3 medians should intersect at 1 point called the CENTROID. Label this point K.
6. Now perform some magic!

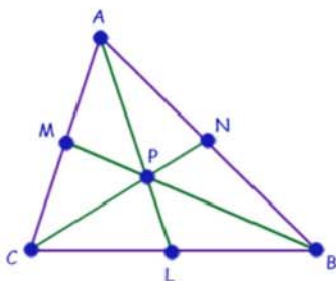
THINK-PAIR-SHARE:

What do you think the relationship is between the lengths of XK and KC? YK and KA? ZK and KB?

What do you think the relationship is between the lengths of XK and XC? YK and YA? ZK and ZB?

What do you think the relationship is between the lengths of AZ and ZC? BY and YC? BX and AX?

The centroid divides the medians into a 2:1 ratio. The portion of the median nearest the vertex is twice as long as the portion connected to the midpoint of the triangles side.



Let's practice! Point P is the centroid of $\triangle ABC$.

1. If $PN = 2$, find PC .
2. If $PM = 3$, find BM .
3. If $AP = 7x - 5$ and $PL = 2x + 5$, find the value of x .