## Measurement: Finding the area of a triangle

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Standard: 6.ME.2a3 Apply the formula to find area of triangles
7-8.NO.3c1 Use the rules for mathematical operations to verify the results when more than one operation is required to solve a problem

Learning Outcome: Students will find the area of triangles and the missing measurements when given the area of a triangle.

Materials: rulers, variety of triangles, calculator, pencil, paper, word problems

## Activities:

- Focus and Review: Have students review the formula for area and review order of operations
- Lecture: Teacher works through a variety of problems when the measurements are provided and problems where the area is given, but the base or height measurement is missing.
- Guided Practice: Students work in pairs to complete 10 problems from their math textbooks
- Independent Practice: Students work 5 word problems using real-world application. Students are expected to pull essential facts from the story to fill in equation for area.

Activity: Create a universally designed version of the above lesson

| UDL Planning | My ideas |
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| Representation- adaptations in materials (e.g., <br> adapt for sensory impairments) | Always provide height and base measurements; <br> highlight measurements on shape; use triangle <br> manipulatives and have students measure to <br> find the length of the base and height; provide <br> equation templates for students to fill in; <br> highlight essential facts in word problems; color <br> code essential facts to indicate where they go in <br> the equation template |
| Expression- how will student show learning (e.g., <br> use of assistive technology; alternative project) | Students use a calculator to solve for area and <br> then match the area with the shape, repeat with <br> bigger and smaller triangles |
| Engagement- how will student participate in the <br> activity | Student can work in a pair during independent <br> practice; student can use technology (e.g., iPad) <br> to graph shapes in the coordinate plane; use a <br> talking calculator; alter word problems to make <br> personally relevant (e.g., add student's name, <br> change the context to be something familiar) |

