- 1. How do you solve equations if they have parentheses? Write a description of how you remove the parentheses in each type of problem shown below.
- a. 3(x + 1) = -12 b. 5 2(x 3) = 11 c. 12 (x + 4) = -20
- 2. How do you solve equations if they have variables (x) in different locations in the equation? Write a description of how you combine variables in each type of problem shown below.
- a. 3x 7 = 5x + 21 b. 4x 2(x + 3) = -10 c. -2x + 5 = 3x 25

- 3. Consider the inequality:  $5x + 1 \ge -14$ .
  - a. Show that x = 4 is a solution to the inequality.
  - b. Show that x = -4 is not a solution to the inequality.
  - c. Solve the equation 5x + 1 = -14 for x. Is this answer a solution to the inequality above? Explain why or why not.
  - d. Explain why the solution to part (c) is the SMALLEST possible solution to the inequality  $5x + 1 \ge -14$ .
  - e. Determine 3 three other solutions to the inequality  $5x + 1 \ge -14$ . Mark all of the solutions you have found so far on the number line below:



f. Use your answer to parts (d) and (e) to show all of the solutions on the number line above. Write the solutions as an inequality.

- 4. For each inequality below,
  - i. Find the boundary point.
  - ii. Choose and test a point.
  - iii. Use the boundary point and your test point to shade the solutions on a number line. iv. Write the solution as an inequality (using  $<, >, <, \geq$ ).

a. 
$$10 - 3x \le -20$$
 b.  $4 - 2(x+1) > 6$  c.  $-5x + 13 < 5(2 - x)$ 

d. 1 - (2x+3) > 8 e.  $10x - 3 \ge 7x + 3(x-1)$ 

- Mason is working during April as a salesman at a computer retail store. He is paid a flat salary of \$500 plus \$12 for every computer he sells. He finds that he must earn at least \$1500 to pay for his April expenses.
  - a. Can Mason cover his monthly expenses if he sells 20 computers? If he sells 75 computers? Show how you found your answer.
  - b. Write and solve an inequality to represent Mason's situation.
  - c. What does your solution tell you about Mason's job and how many computers he sells?
- 4. **Challenge**: A model rocket is launched from the ground with an initial velocity of 200 feet per second. The function that describes the rocket's height over time (x) is  $h(x) = -16x^2 + 200x$ . The rocket will not be visible above 500 feet because of clouds.
  - a. Draw a picture of the rocket's path. Include some nice fluffy clouds.
  - b. Write an inequality to describe when the rocket cannot be seen.
  - c. Solve the inequality and explain what this tells you about the rocket's path.