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Point-Slope Form Guided Notes

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The point-slope form of a non-vertical linear equation is given by:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

Where:

m = Slope of the line

(x_1, y_1) = point on the line

Problem 1: A line passes through $(1, -1)$ and has a slope 3. What is an equation for this line in point-slope form?

Problem 2: A line passes through two points $(1, 4)$ and $(2, 9)$. Write an equation of this line in slope-intercept form.

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Graphing an Equation Using Point-Slope Form

If we are given the point-slope form of a line, we can graph it by following these steps:

- Using the point-slope form, identify the point and plot it on the graph.
- Using the slope given, locate another point in either direction.
- Connect these points to plot the graph of the required line.

Problem 3: Graph the equation $y = \frac{1}{3}(x + 1)$.