4.6 Special Segments in Triangles Worksheet

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For #1-5, use the figure at the right. In the figure, \overrightarrow{CD} is the perpendicular bisector of \overrightarrow{AB} .

- 1. What is the relationship between *AD* and *AB*?
- 2. What is the relationship between $m \angle ADC$ and $m \angle BDC$?
- 3. What is the relationship between AC and CB?
- 4. What type of triangle is $\triangle ABC$?
- 5. TRUE or FALSE: $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AD}$.





For #11-14, complete the statement using *always*, *sometimes*, or *never*.

- 11. A median _____ has a midpoint as an endpoint.
- 12. An altitude ______ lies outside a triangle.
- 13. A perpendicular bisector _____ has a vertex as an endpoint.
- 14. The angle bisectors of a triangle ______ intersect at a single point.





For #28-30, decide whether the statement is *true* or *false*. Illustrate your answer with a sketch.

28. A perpendicular bisector can also be an altitude.

29. An angle bisector cannot be a median.

30. In a triangle, one segment can be a perpendicular bisector, an angle bisector, a median AND an altitude.

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For #1-5, use the figure at the right. In the figure, \overrightarrow{CD} is the perpendicular bisector of \overrightarrow{AB} .

1. What is the relationship between *AD* and *AB*?

 $AD = \frac{1}{2} AB$

2. What is the relationship between $m \angle ADC$ and $m \angle BDC$?

 $m \angle ADC = m \angle BDC = 90^{\circ}$

- 3. What is the relationship between AC and CB? AC = BC
- 4. What type of triangle is $\triangle ABC$?
- isosceles
- 5. TRUE or FALSE: $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AD}$. FALSE

For #6-10, use the figure at the right to find each measure. In the figure, \overline{UV} is a perpendicular bisector of \overline{SW} , and \overline{WV} is an angle bisector of $\angle SWT$.

- 6. SU = 4
- 7. $m \angle VWX = 40^{\circ}$
- 8. $m \angle WVX = 50^{\circ}$
- 9. $m \angle XTV = 60^{\circ}$
- 10. $m \angle XVT = 30^{\circ}$

For #11-14, complete the statement using *always*, *sometimes*, or *never*.

- 11. A median ALWAYS has a midpoint as an endpoint.
- 12. An altitude *SOMETIMES* lies outside a triangle.
- 13. A perpendicular bisector *SOMETIMES* has a vertex as an endpoint.
- 14. The angle bisectors of a triangle ALWAYS intersect at a single point.







For #6-10.

For #15-19, use the map of the Bermuda Triangle (at the right) and the given information to decide whether \overline{OB} is a *perpendicular bisector*, an *angle bisector*, a *median* or an *altitude* of ΔMBP .

- 15. If $\overline{MO} \cong \overline{OP}$, then \overline{OB} is $a(n) \underline{MEDIAN}$ of ΔMBP .
- 16. If $\overline{OB} \perp \overline{MP}$, then \overline{OB} is a(n) ALTITUDE of ΔMBP .
- 17. If $\angle MBO \cong \angle PBO$, then \overline{OB} is a(n) ANGLE BISECTOR of $\triangle MBP$.



For #15-19.

- 18. If $\overline{OB} \perp \overline{MP}$ and $\overline{MO} \cong \overline{OP}$, then \overline{OB} is a(n) *PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR* of $\triangle MBP$.
- 19. If \overrightarrow{BO} bisects $\angle MBP$, then \overrightarrow{OB} is a(n) ANGLE BISECTOR of $\triangle MBP$.

For #20-27, consider the triangle below. In $\triangle ABC$, the midpoints of the sides are L, M, and N.



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22. If AC = 14, then LN = .

23. If MN = 8, then AB = .

24. If NC = 3, then LM = .

25. If LN = 5, then = 10.

26. If LM = 3x+1 and BC = 10x-6, then LM = 8. $LM = \frac{1}{2}BC$; 3x+1=5x-3; 4 = 2x; 2 = x LM = 32 + 2 = 827. If NM = x-1 and AB = 3x-7, then AB = 8.

For #28-30, decide whether the statement is *true* or *false*. Illustrate your answer with a sketch.

- 28. A perpendicular bisector can also be an altitude. TRUE, in an isosceles triangle
- 29. An angle bisector cannot be a median. FALSE, it is in an isosceles triangle
- 30. In a triangle, one segment can be a perpendicular bisector, an angle bisector, a median AND an altitude. TRUE, in an equilateral triangle