## **TOPIC 14-6: WRITING EQUATIONS OF CIRCLES**

## **REVIEW:**

- 1. Write the equation of a circle with a radius of 3 and is centered at (1, 2).
- 2. Multiply:  $(x + 3)^2 =$
- 3. Factor the trinomial:  $x^2 12x + 36$

**EXAMPLE 1:** What term is needed to complete the square?

a) 
$$a^2 + 8a +$$
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b) 
$$x^2 - 6x +$$
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**EXAMPLE 2:** Complete the Square.

## **HINTS:**

- 1. Move the constant to the other side.
- 2. Divide everything by the coefficient of x<sup>2</sup>.
- 3. Add the new number to BOTH sides.
- 4. Factor.

a) 
$$x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$$

b) 
$$4x^2 + 8x - 16 = 0$$

A circle can be written in general form instead of standard form.

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cx + Dy + E = 0$$
, where A=B

Standard form for a circle:  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ 

**EXAMPLE 3:** Convert each equation into standard form by completing the square.

a) 
$$x^2 + y^2 + 10x - 4y + 20 = 0$$

b) 
$$3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6x + 24y + 24 = 0$$

c) 
$$x^2 + y^2 + 14x + 45 = 0$$
 Graph the circle.

