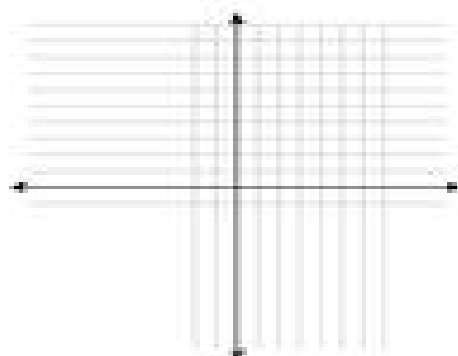
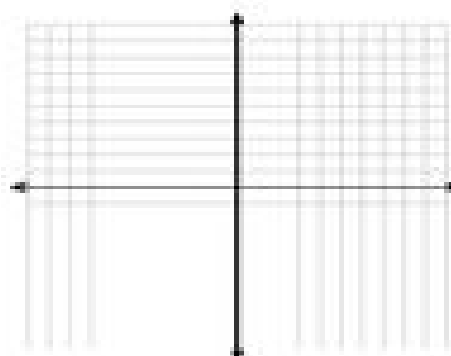


## Graphing Horizontal and Vertical Lines

All linear equations can be written in the form  $Ax + By = C$ . When  $A = 0$  the equation reduces to  $By = C$  and the graph is a horizontal line. When  $B = 0$  the equation reduces to  $Ax = C$  and the graph is a vertical line.



In the coordinate plane, the graph of  $y = b$  is a horizontal line.



In the coordinate plane, the graph of  $x = a$  is a vertical line.

### Graphing $y = b$

1. Graph the equation  $y = 2$ .
  - ❖ The equation does not have  $x$  as a variable. The  $y$ -value is always 2, regardless of the value of  $x$ . For instance, here are some points that are solutions  
 $(-3, 2), (0, 2), (3, 2)$
  - ❖ The graph of the equations is a horizontal line 2 units above the  $x$ -axis.