Study Guide and Intervention

Bisectors of Triangles

Perpendicular Bisector A perpendicular bisector is a line, segment, or ray that is perpendicular to the given segment and passes through its midpoint. Some theorems deal with perpendicular bisectors.

Perpendicular Bisector Theorem	If a point is on the perpendicular bisector of a segment, then it is equidistant from the endpoints of the segment.
Converse of Perpendicular Bisector Theorem	If a point is equidistant from the endpoints of a segment, then it is on the perpendicular bisector of the segment.
Circumcenter Theorem	The perpendicular bisectors of the sides of a triangle intersect at a point called the circumcenter that is equidistant from the vertices of the triangle.

Example 1 Find the measure of FM.



 \overline{FK} is the perpendicular bisector of \overline{GM} .

FG = FM

2.8 = FM

Example 2 \overline{BD} is the perpendicular bisector of \overline{AC} . Find x.



$$AD = DC$$

$$3x + 8 = 5x - 6$$

$$14 = 2x$$

7 = x

Exercises

Find each measure.

1. XW



2. BF



Point P is the circumcenter of △EMK. List any segment(s) congruent to each segment below.

3. \overline{MY}

4. KP

5. \overline{MN}

6. ER

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