Algebra 1 – Solving Polynomial Equations Notes

Before - we learned how to solve linear equations.

**Now** - we are going to learn to solve polynomial equations.

**Because** - this will help us analyze vertical motion, which can often be found in everyday life.

Given the following equations, let y = 0 and solve for x. List your answer as an ordered pair.

1.

2.

If you are given two variables, a and b, and are asked to multiply them but your answer must be zero – What could you do?

**Zero-Product Property:** Let *a* and *b* be real numbers. If \_\_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_.

The solutions of the zero product property are called: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Use the zero product property to solve the following:

1. (x-4)(x+2) = 02. (x-5)(x-1) = 0

Factor out the GCF:

1.  $4x^2 + 24x^3$ 

Use the zero product property to solve the following (you may have to factor out the GCF first):

1. 
$$2x^2 + 8x = 0$$
 3.  $a^2 + 5a = 0$ 

2.  $6n^2 = 15n$ 

4.  $3s^2 - 9s = 0$