

CHAPTERS 7 & 8 PROOFS – COMMONLY USED REASONS

METHODS OF PROVING TRIANGLES CONGRUENT				
SSS	SAS	ASA	AAS	HL
Assumed from diagram. <i>Linear Pairs</i>		Linear Pair Postulate <i>If two angles form a linear pair, then they are supplementary.</i>		
<i>Vertical angles are congruent.</i> <i>Hint: Look for a “bow tie.”</i>		<i>Right angles are congruent.</i>		
Definition of bisects (or trisects) <i>If a ray bisects an angle, then it divides the angle into two congruent angles.</i>		Definition of perpendicular (\perp) <i>If two lines are perpendicular, then they intersect and form right angles.</i>		
Definition of midpoint <i>If a point is a midpoint of a segment, then it divides the segment into two congruent segments.</i>		Definition of \perp bisector <i>(If you’re given this, then you’re technically given perpendicular & bisects.)</i>		
Reflexive <i>Use with common/shared sides and common/shared angles.</i>		TRANSITIVE PROPERTY <i>If angles (or segments) are congruent to the same (or congruent) angle (or segment), then they are congruent to each other.</i>		
Two points determine a line <i>Use when drawing in an auxiliary line.</i>		SUBSTITUTION <i>(Do not use when proving congruence.)</i>		
Congruent Supplements Theorem <i>If angles are supplementary to the same angle (or congruent angles), then they are congruent.</i>		Congruent Complements Theorem <i>If angles are complementary to the same angle (or congruent angles), then they are congruent.</i>		
Segment Addition Property <i>If a segment (or congruent segments) is added to two congruent segments, the sums are congruent.</i>		Angle Addition Property <i>If an angle (or congruent angles) is added to two congruent angles, the sums are congruent.</i>		
Segment Subtraction Property <i>If a segment (or congruent segments) is subtracted from two congruent segments, the differences are congruent.</i>		Angle Subtraction Property <i>If an angle (or congruent angles) is subtracted from two congruent angles, the differences are congruent.</i>		

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<p>ALTERNATE INTERIOR ANGLES THEOREM</p> <p><i>If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, each pair of alternate interior angles are congruent.</i></p>	<p>SAME-SIDE INTERIOR ANGLES THEOREM</p> <p><i>If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, each pair of same-side interior angles are supplementary.</i></p>
<p>Corresponding Angles Postulate</p> <p><i>If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, each pair of corresponding angles are congruent.</i></p>	<p>Alternate Exterior Angles Theorem</p> <p><i>If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, each pair of alternate exterior angles are congruent.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CPCTC</p> <p><i>Must prove triangles to be congruent BEFORE using CPCTC.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All radii are congruent.</p> <p><i>Use when you're given a circle.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of median</p> <p><i>If a segment is a median of a triangle, then it divides the opposite side into two congruent segments.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of altitude</p> <p><i>If a segment is an altitude of a triangle, then it forms right angles with the side to which it is drawn.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of isosceles triangle</p> <p><i>If at least two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the triangle is an isosceles triangle.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of right triangle</p> <p><i>If a triangle has a right angle, then it is a right triangle.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Base Angle Theorem</p> <p><i>If two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the angles opposite these sides are congruent.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of equilateral triangle</p> <p><i>If all three sides of a triangle are congruent, then the triangle is an equilateral triangle.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Base Angle Converse Theorem</p> <p><i>If two angles of a triangle are congruent, then the sides opposite these angles are congruent.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Altitude to Congruent Sides Theorem</p> <p><i>In an isosceles triangle, the altitudes to the congruent sides are congruent.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Perpendicular Bisector Theorem</p> <p><i>The altitude from the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle is the perpendicular bisector of the base.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Base Theorem</p> <p><i>The altitude to the base of an isosceles triangle bisects the base.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Bisector to Congruent Sides Theorem</p> <p><i>In an isosceles triangle, the angle bisectors to the congruent sides are congruent.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isosceles Triangle Vertex Angle Theorem</p> <p><i>The altitude to the base of an isosceles triangle bisects the vertex angle.</i></p>