Distance Formula Guided Lesson Explanation

1. We are working with the end points: (2, 8) and (-4, 6)

To find the distance, we would simply use the distance formula:

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{((-4) - 2)^2 + (6 - 8)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{36 + 4}$$

$$d = \sqrt{40}$$

$$d = 6.32$$

2a. Although this question is worded differently, it is asking us basically the same thing that the last question asked. We are working with the end points: (12, 5) and (-6, 2).

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{((-6) - 12)^2 + (2 - 5)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-18)^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{324 + 9}$$

$$d = \sqrt{333}$$

$$d = 18.25$$

2b. The halfway point between the two end points can be represented by: $(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2})$. We are working with the end points: (12, 5) and (-6, 2).

 $\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{12+(-6)}{2}, \frac{5+2}{2}\right) = (3, 3.5)$ would be the midpoint.

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