

**Unit 5 - Quadratic Functions**  
**Day 7 Notes: Factoring Special Cases**

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List first 15 **PERFECT SQUARES**.

**Example 1:** Factor completely. If there is an overall GCF, then factor it out first.

a.  $9x^2 - 12x + 4$



b.  $4p^2 + 36p + 81$

c.  $7x^3 - 56x^2 + 112x$

d. The area of a square is  $(16h^2 + 40h + 25)$  in<sup>2</sup>. Find the length of each side.

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**Perfect Square Trinomials:**       $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)(a + b) = (a + b)^2$   
    $a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)(a - b) = (a - b)^2$

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**Example 2:** Factor completely. If there is an overall GCF, then factor it out first.

a.  $v^2 - 100$

b.  $25k^2 - 64j^2$

c.  $28y^2 - 7$

d.  $80x - 5x^3$

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**Difference of Perfect Squares:**

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

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**Homework:** Page 493 #7 – 18 all, 31 – 36 all, and 45 – 47 all. Check for a GCF in each exercise.