

History of Mathematical Ideas

Quiz 1

Name: _____

You have 10 minutes to complete this quiz. If you have a question raise your hand and remain seated. In order to receive full credit your answer must be **complete**, **legible** and **correct**. Show your work, and give adequate explanations.

1. State and prove the Pythagorean Theorem.

Theorem. The sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs of a right triangle equals the square of the hypotenuse.

There are many correct proofs of this theorem. We have seen

- (1) A proof without words.
- (2) The Bride's Chair proof.
- (3) Garfield's proof.
- (4) Euclid's second proof (Exercise 1.4.2).

In this problem, you could have described one of these proofs or any other proof.