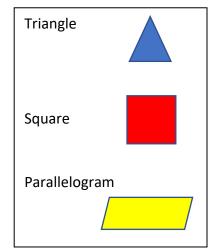
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Math without Numbers: TANGRAMS (K-2)

The SCIENCE of PUZZLES:

A puzzle is not complete until ALL of the pieces are put in place.



TANGRAM puzzles were invented in China during the Tang Dynasty.



READ:

The Warlord's Puzzle by Virginia Walton Pilegard tells the legend of the tangram puzzle and includes a traceable template.

- Why do you think the boy was the only one who solved the puzzle? Don't have this book at home? You can often find digital versions of books <u>like this one</u> online.

ACTIVITY: TANGRAM

Materials: scissors, square piece of paper/cardboard, TANGRAM outline, ruler/straightedge



1. Print out the TANGRAM pattern – OR – draw one on a piece of paper

TIP: Draw a square with 5-inch sides to get you started

2. Color the shapes (different colors if you want)

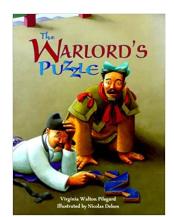
- 3. Cut out the shapes
- 4. Create NEW pictures using all seven shapes!

For more free TANGRAM ideas visit The Tangram Channel

For step-by-step instructions, watch the video at: Tangrams STEM Activity

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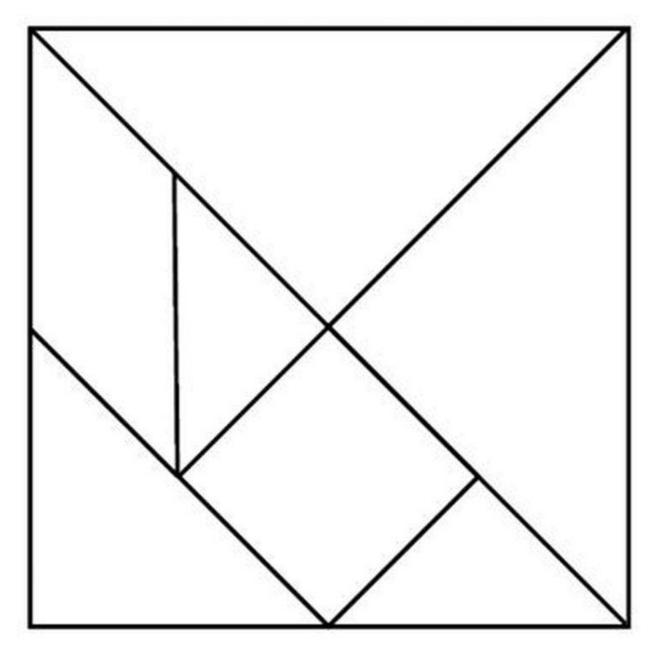
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