

Blue Squares and Beyond

NAME _____

Use the applet to complete the charts. Follow the directions given by your teacher.

Chart 1

| RECTANGLE A | RECTANGLE B | RATIOS |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Width: | Width: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Height: | Height: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Area: | Area: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |

Chart 2

| RECTANGLE A | RECTANGLE B | RATIOS |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Width: | Width: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Height: | Height: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Area: | Area: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |

1. What can you say about these two figures just by looking? _____
2. What do you notice about the two sets of ratios? _____
3. Is there a common factor for the numerator and denominator? _____
4. Divide both the numerator and denominator by the common factor. What do you get?

Chart 3

| RECTANGLE A | RECTANGLE B | RATIOS |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Width: | Width: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Height: | Height: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Area: | Area: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |

5. How can you prove that these figures are not similar? _____

Chart 4

| RECTANGLE A | RECTANGLE B | RATIOS |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Width: | Width: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Height: | Height: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |
| Area: | Area: | $\frac{\text{Width A}}{\text{Width B}} =$ |

6. How do you know just by looking at A and B that they are not similar? _____

7. What would you change on Rectangle B to make them similar? _____

Chart 5

| EXAMPLE | RECTANGLE A | RECTANGLE B | SCALE FACTOR |
|---------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2×3 | 16×24 | 4 |
| 2 | 2×3 | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |

Chart 6

| | | |
|---------|--|--|
| WIDTH | | |
| HEIGHT | | |
| SQUARES | | |

8. What does the number of blue squares represent? _____
9. How can you determine the area without counting the number of squares covered?

10. How do you label area? Why? _____

Chart 7

| | RECTANGLE A | RECTANGLE B | SET 1 | SET 2 | SET 3 | SET 4 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Width | | | | | | |
| Height | | | | | | |
| $\frac{\text{Width}}{\text{Height}}$ | | | | | | |

11. What is the scale factor of each set? _____

12. What is the scale factor for the area of each set? _____

13. What is the relationship between the scale factor for each set and the area for that set?

14. Why do you square the scale factor of each set to find the scale factor of the area?
