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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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List the steps involved in factoring a polynomial by grouping.

Hint: Consider the process of rearranging and grouping terms.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

Which method would you use to factor the expression $x^2 - 9$?

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What is the greatest common factor of the polynomial $6x^3 + 9x^2 - 3x$?

Hint: Look for the largest factor that divides all terms.

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Hint: Consider the coefficients and the variable terms.

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Factor the trinomial $x^2 + 5x + 6$. Which of the following are the correct factors? (Select all that apply)

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Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Analyze the polynomial $x^3 - 27$. Which of the following methods can be used to factor it? (Select all that apply)

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Create a polynomial that can be factored using both the difference of squares and the sum of cubes methods. Explain your reasoning and show the factorization process.

Hint: Think creatively about polynomial construction.

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Hint: Think about how to construct such a polynomial.