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Factoring the Difference of Squares Date _____ Period ____

Factor each completely.

1) $a^2 - 25$ $a^2 - 5^2$ $(a+5)(a-5)$	2) $b^2 - 4$ $b^2 - 2^2$ $(b+2)(b-2)$
3) $n^2 - 49$ $n^2 - 7^2$ $(n+7)(n-7)$	4) $v^2 - 64$ $v^2 - 8^2$ $(v+8)(v-8)$
5) $100a^2 - 9$ $(10a)^2 - (3)^2$ $(10a+3)(10a-3)$	6) $81r^2 - 64$ $9^2r^2 - 8^2$ $(9r+8)(9r-8)$
7) $36a^2 - 25$ $6^2a^2 - 5^2$ $(6a+5)(6a-5)$	8) $49m^2 - 81$ $7^2m^2 - 9^2$ $(7m+9)(7m-9)$
9) $81n^2 - 100$ $9^2n^2 - 10^2$ $(9n+10)(9n-10)$	10) $49m^2 - 9$ $7^2m^2 - 3^2$ $(7m+3)(7m-3)$
11) $25n^2 - 1$	12) $9n^2 - 49$

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11) $25n^2 - 1$
 $5^2n^2 - 1^2$
 $(5n+1)(5n-1)$

13) $2n^2 - 128$
 $2 \cdot n \cdot n - 2 \cdot 64$
 $2(n^2 - 64)$ → $2(n^2 - 8^2)$
 $2(n+8)(n-8)$

15) $2x^2 - 200$
 $2 \cdot x \cdot x - 2 \cdot 100$
 $2(x^2 - 100)$ → $2(x^2 - 10^2)$
 $2(x+10)(x-10)$

17) $63n^2 - 112$
 $7 \cdot 9 \cdot n \cdot n - 7 \cdot 16$
 $7(9n^2 - 16)$ → $7(3^2n^2 - 4^2)$
 $7(3n+4)(3n-4)$

19) $20r^2 - 5$
 $5 \cdot 4 \cdot r \cdot r - 5$
 $5(4r^2 - 1)$ → $5(2^2r^2 - 1^2)$
 $5(2r+1)(2r-1)$

12) $9n^2 - 49$
 $3^2n^2 - 7^2$
 $(3n+7)(3n-7)$

14) $5x^2 - 180$
 $5 \cdot x \cdot x - 5 \cdot 36$
 $5(x^2 - 36)$ → $5(x^2 - 6^2)$
 $5(x+6)(x-6)$

16) $6p^2 - 6$
 $6 \cdot p \cdot p - 6$
 $6(p^2 - 1)$ → $6(p^2 - 1^2)$
 $6(p+1)(p-1)$

18) $50m^2 - 2$
 $2 \cdot 25 \cdot m \cdot m - 2$
 $2(25m^2 - 1)$ → $2(5^2m^2 - 1^2)$
 $2(5m+1)(5m-1)$

20) $100x^2 - 36$
 $4 \cdot 25 \cdot x \cdot x - 4 \cdot 9$
 $4(25x^2 - 9)$ → $4(5^2x^2 - 3^2)$
 $4(5x+3)(5x-3)$

$$100x^2 - 36$$

$$\underline{4} \cdot 25 \cdot x \cdot x - \underline{4} \cdot 9$$

$$4(25x^2 - 9)$$

$$4(5^2x^2 - 3^2)$$

$$4(5x - 3)(5x + 3)$$

$$100x^2 - 36$$

$$10^2x^2 - 6^2$$

$$(10x + 6)(10x - 6)$$

$$2(5x + 3)(10x - 6)$$

$$2 \cdot 2(5x + 3)(5x - 3)$$

$$4(5x + 3)(5x - 3)$$

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