8.2 Practice A

In Exercises 1 and 2, graph $\triangle PQR$ with vertices P(-1, 5), Q(-4, 3), and R(-2, 1)and its image after the similarity transformation.

1. Rotation: 180° about the origin

Dilation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (2x, 2y)$

2. Dilation: $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}x, \frac{1}{2}y\right)$

Reflection: in the *x*-axis

3. Describe a similarity transformation that maps the black preimage to the dashed image.



In Exercises 4 and 5, determine whether the polygons with the given vertices are similar. Use transformations to explain your reasoning.

- D(3, 3), E(3, 1), F(2, 1)
- **4.** A(-2, 5), B(-2, 2), C(-1, 2) and **5.** J(-5, -3), K(-3, -1), L(-3, -5), M(-5, -5) and T(3, 3), U(4, 3), V(4, 2), W(3, 1)
- **6.** Prove that the figures are similar.

Given Equilateral $\triangle GHI$ with side length *a*, equilateral $\triangle PQR$ with side length b

Prove $\triangle GHI$ is similar to $\triangle PQR$.



- 7. Your friend claims you can use a similarity transformation to turn a square into a rectangle. Is your friend correct? Explain your answer.
- **8.** Is the composition of a dilation and a translation commutative? In other words, do you obtain the same image regardless of the order in which the transformations are performed? Justify your answer.
- **9.** The image shown is known as a *Sierpinski triangle*. It is a common mathematical construct in the area of fractals. What can you say about the similarity transformations used to create the white triangles in this image?

