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## Algebra Tiles

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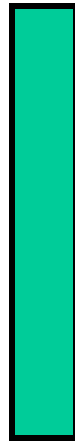


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Value = **1**

Rectangle

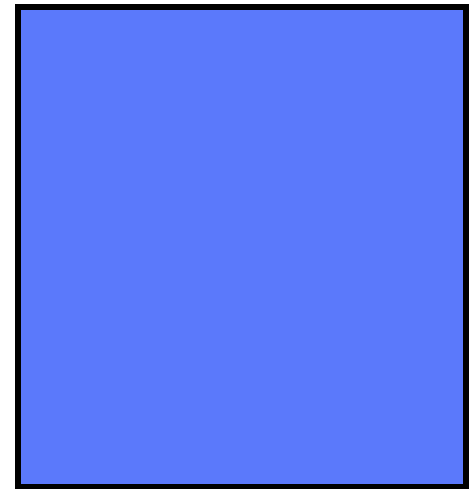


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Value = **x**

Large Square



x

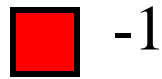
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Value = **x<sup>2</sup>**

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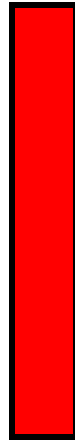


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Value = **-1**

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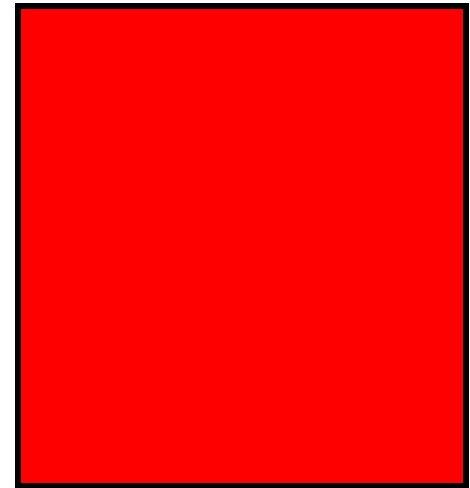


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Value = **-x**

Large Square



-x

x

Value = **-x<sup>2</sup>**

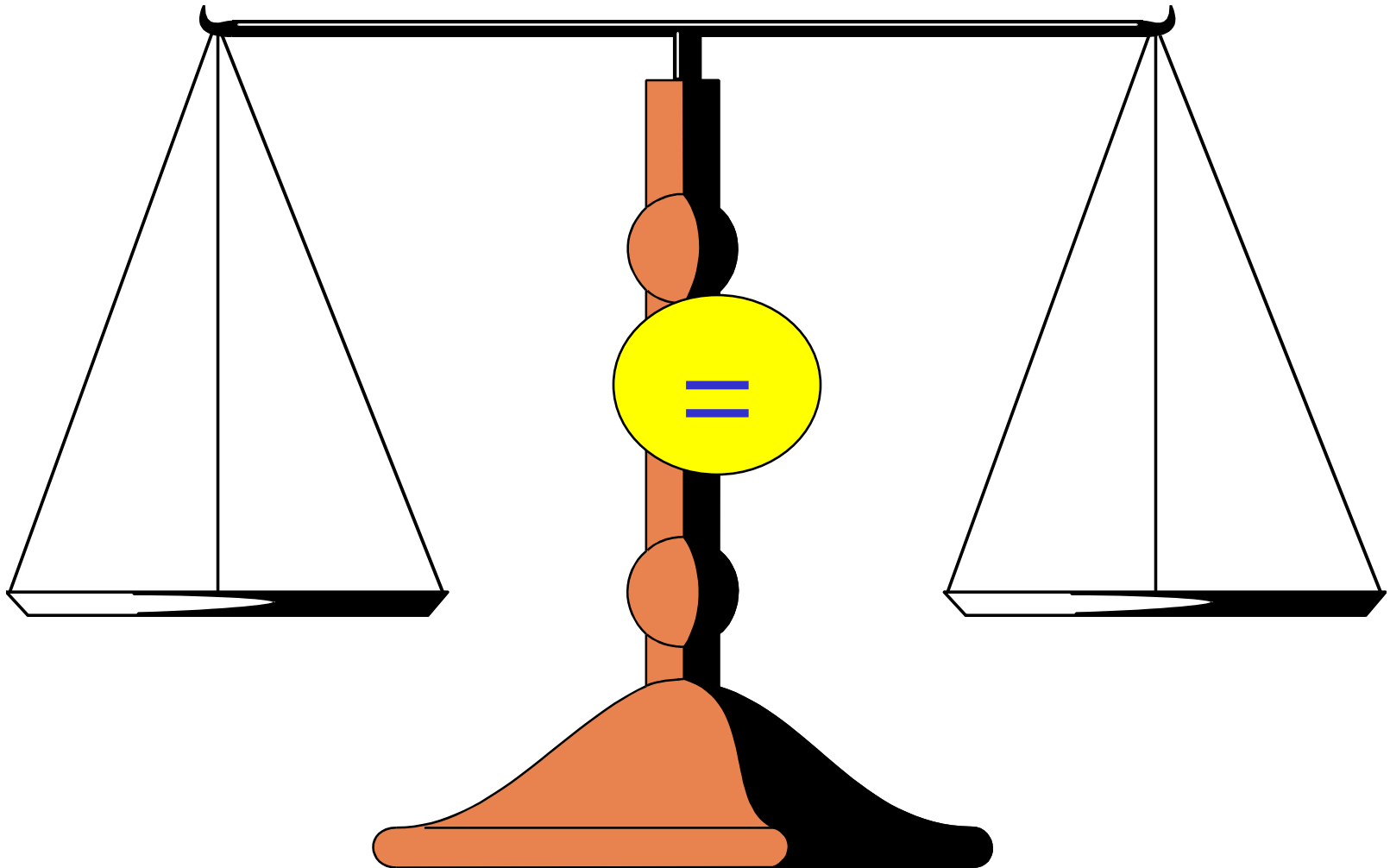
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## Algebra Tiles

We are going to use  
**Algebra Tiles** to solve  
algebraic equations.

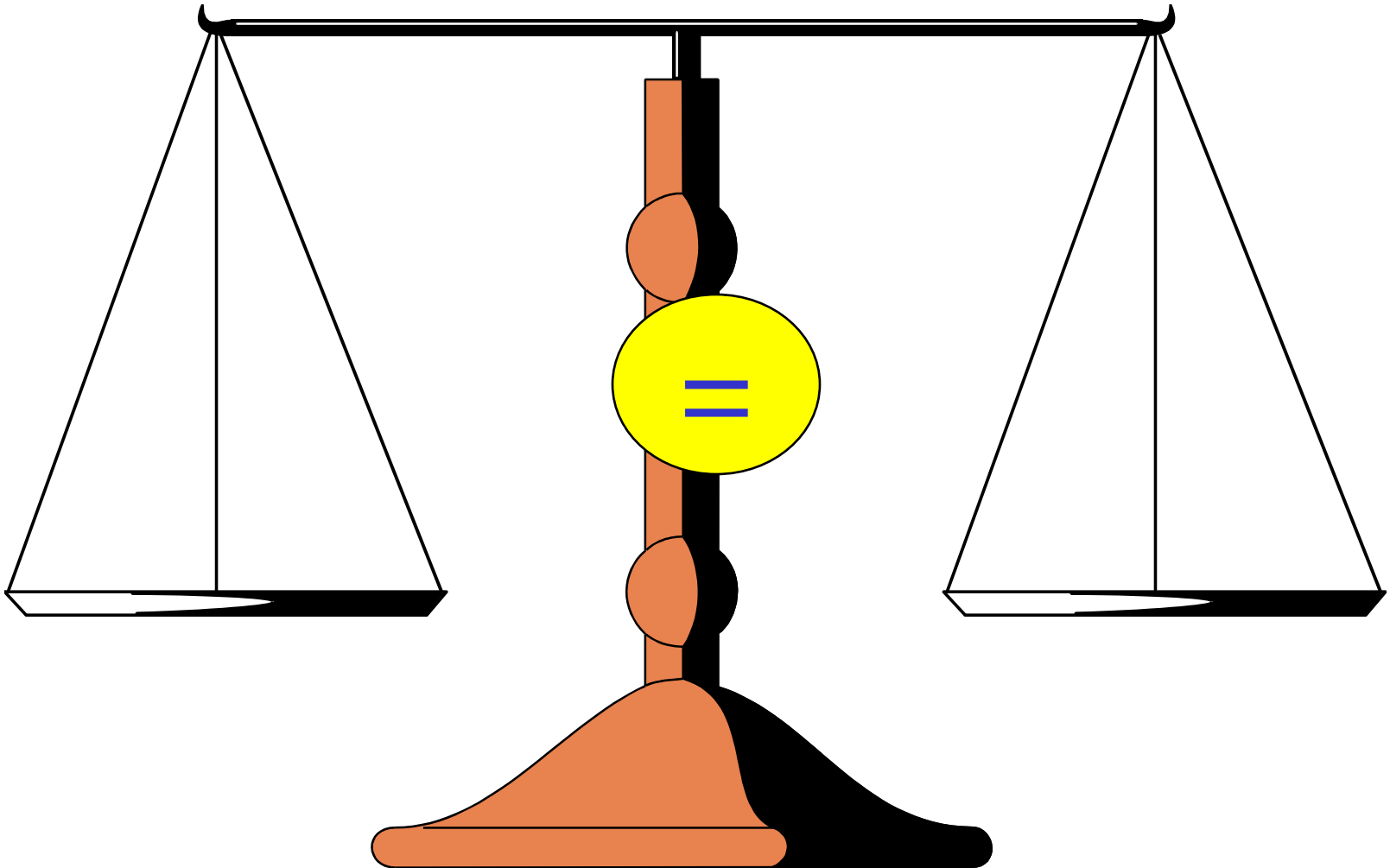
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An **Equation** is like a balance scale.  
Everything must be equal on both sides.



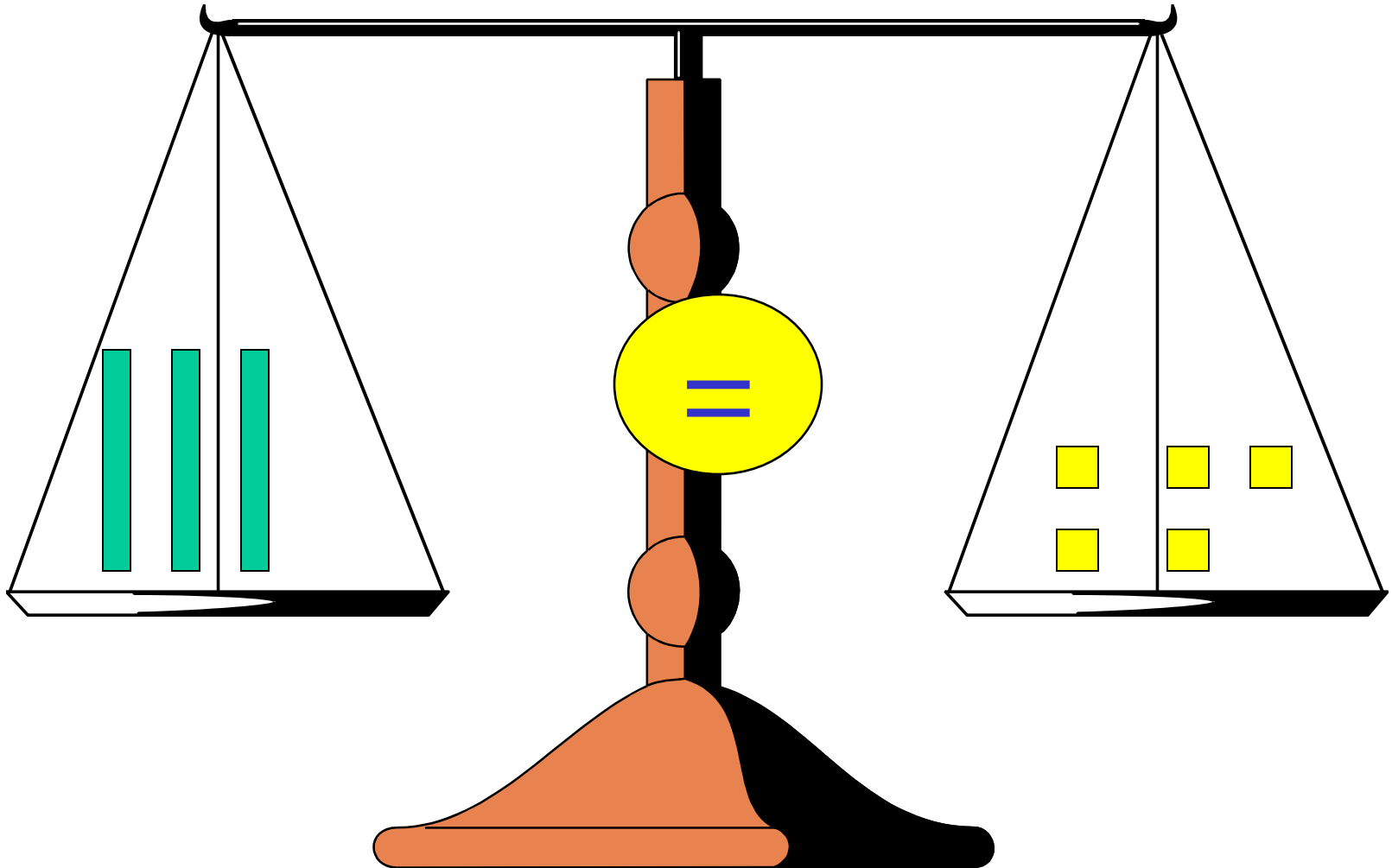
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**What you do to one side of an equation, you must do to the other side to keep it balanced.**



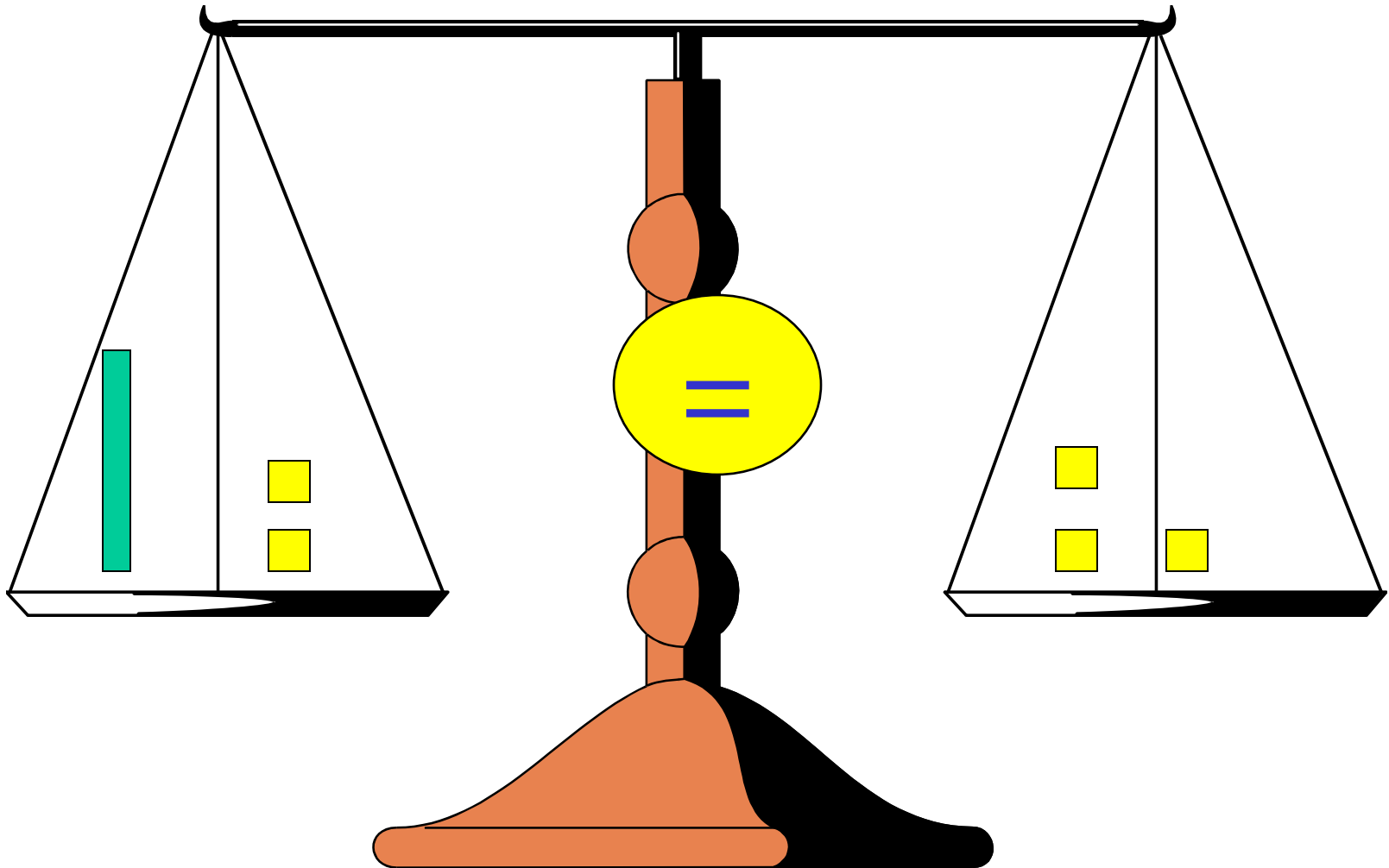
# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

**What Equation Is This?**      **$3x = 5$**



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**What Equation Is This?**      **$x + 2 = 3$**

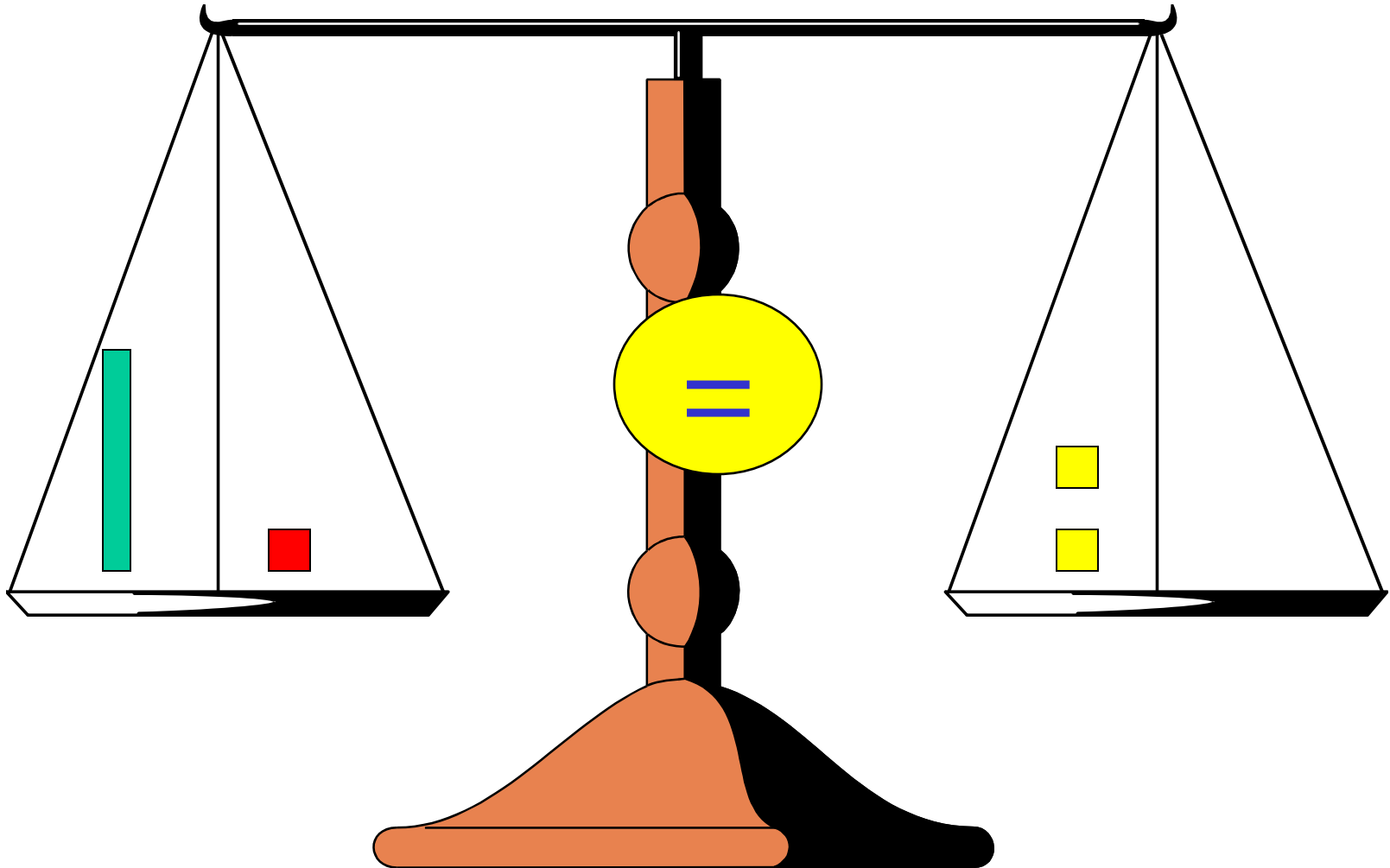




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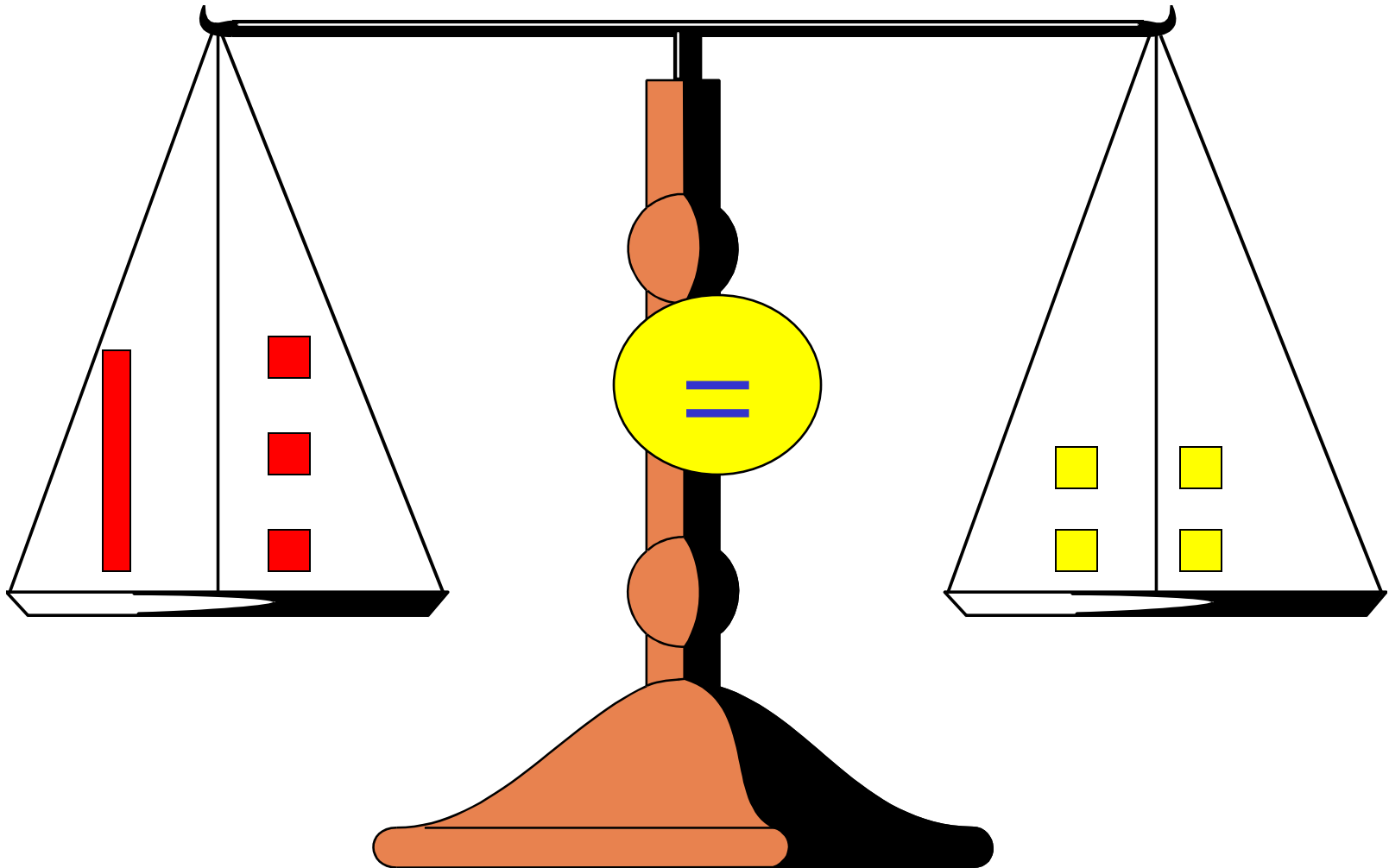
What Equation Is This?

$$x - 1 = 2$$



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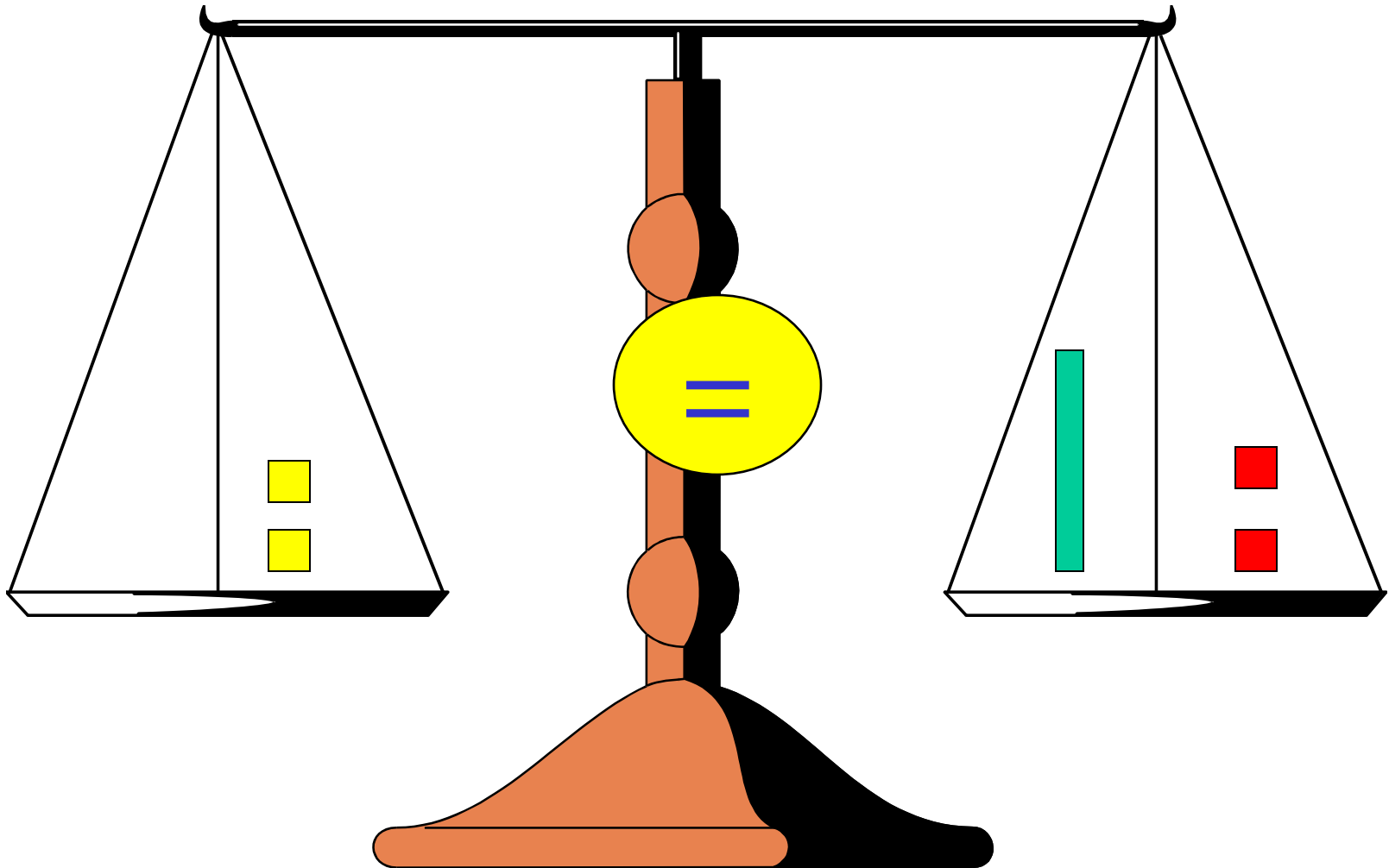
**What Equation Is This?**  $-x - 3 = 4$



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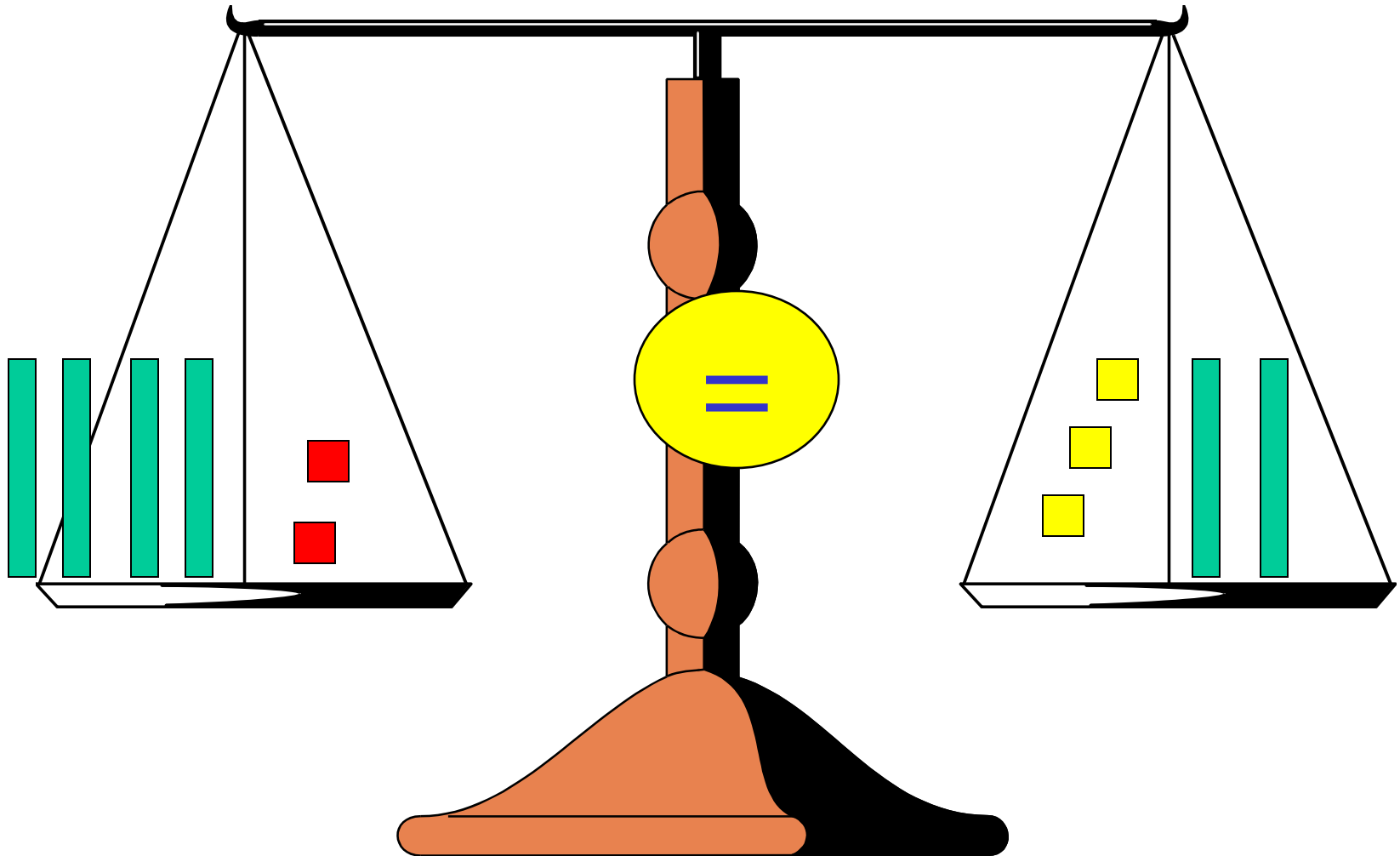
**What Equation Is This?**

$$2 = x - 2$$



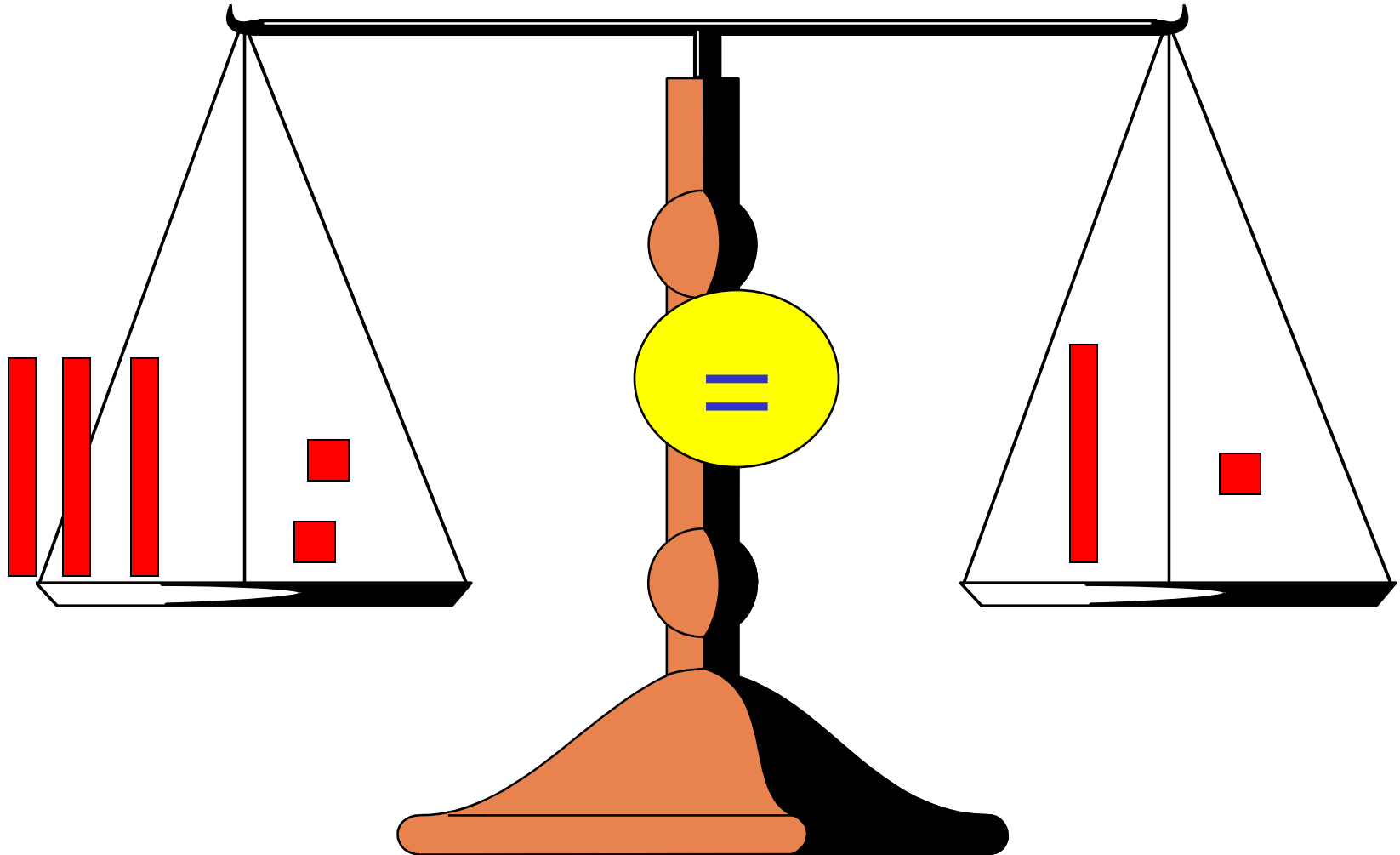
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**What Equation Is This?**  $4x - 2 = 2x + 3$



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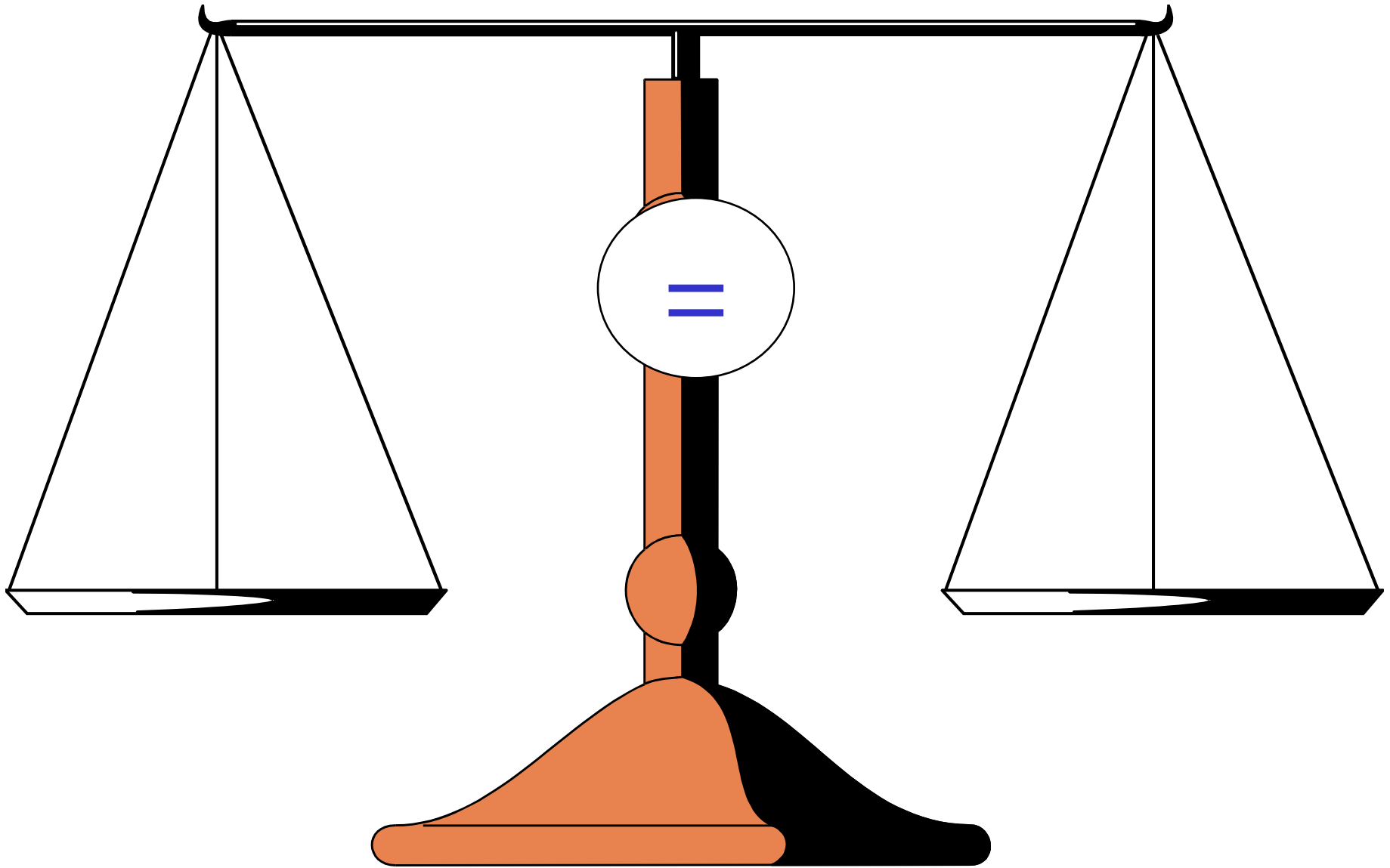
**What Equation Is This?**  $-3x-2 = -x-1$



# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

- You are going to get a set of **algebra tiles** to use and a **balance scale worksheet**.
- **Do NOT** write on the balance scale worksheet. I am going to reuse it.

# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES



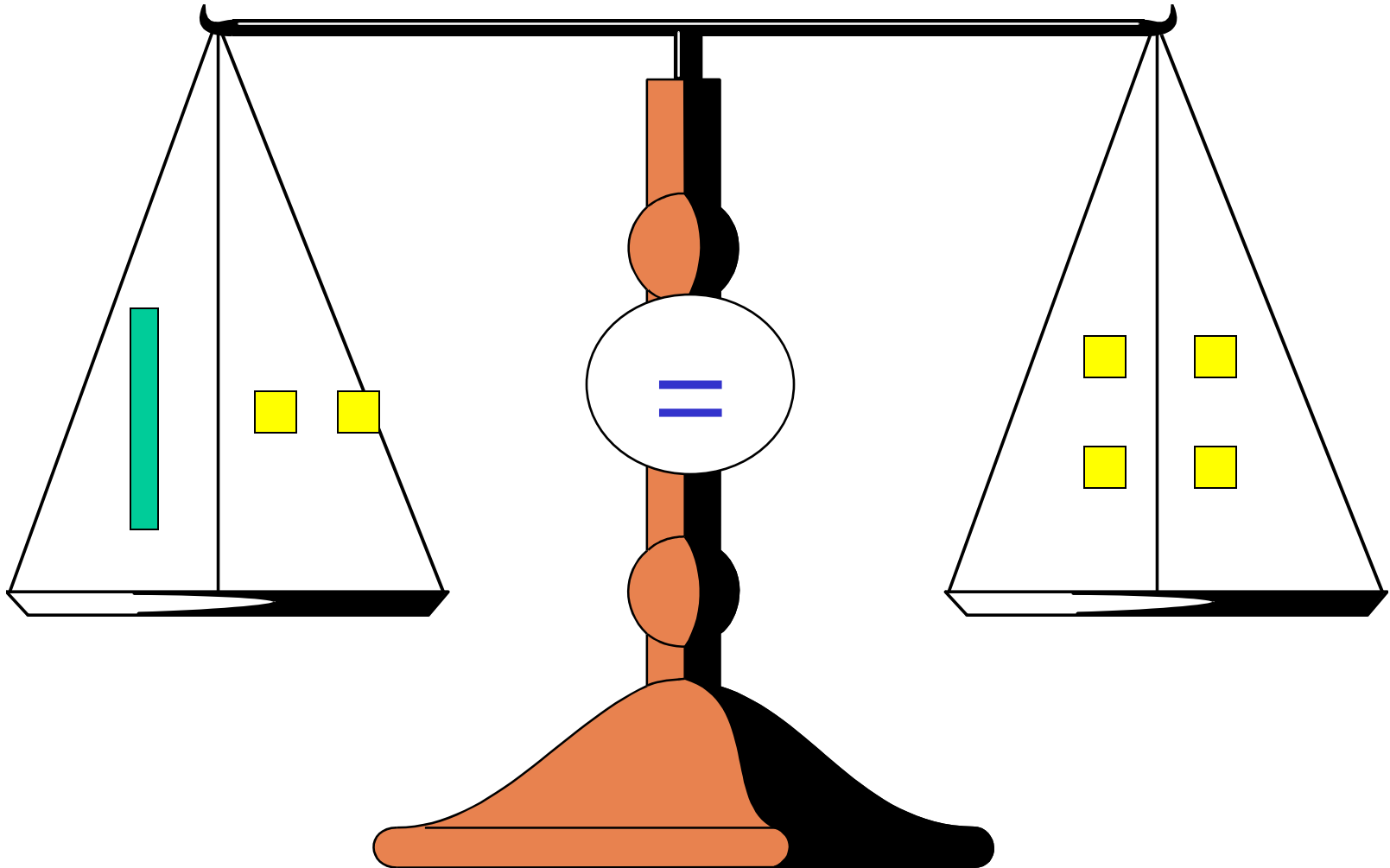
# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

- Clear your desk!
- You will only need your **algebra tiles**, and your **balance scale worksheet**.
- You will only need the x's and 1's **not the  $x^2$**



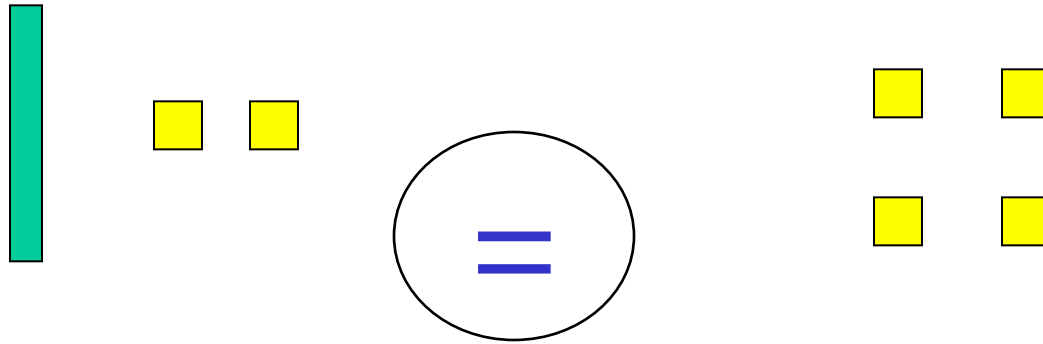
# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

Show me what  $x + 2 = 4$  looks like.



# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

Let's try to solve  $x + 2 = 4$ .



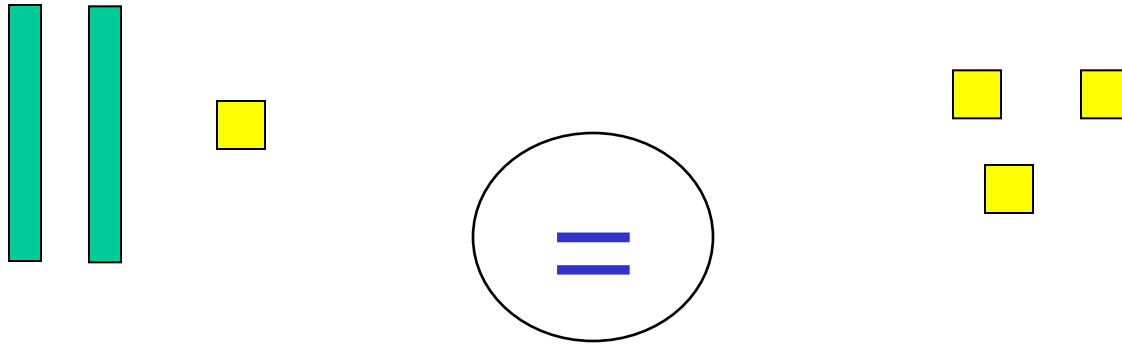
What can I  
**take away**  
from both  
sides?

**Take away**  
**+2 from both**  
**sides.**

$$x = 2$$

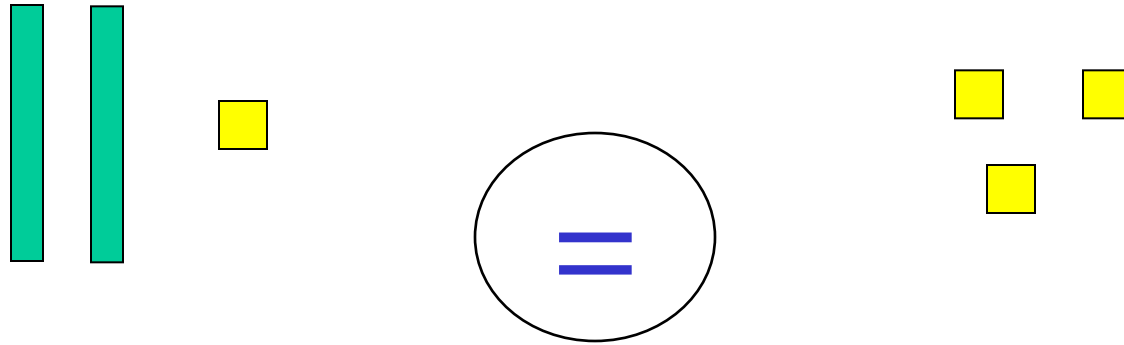
# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

Show me what  $2x + 1 = 3$  looks like.



# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

Let's solve  $2x + 1 = 3$



What can I take away from both sides?

If  $2x = 2$ , how do I solve?

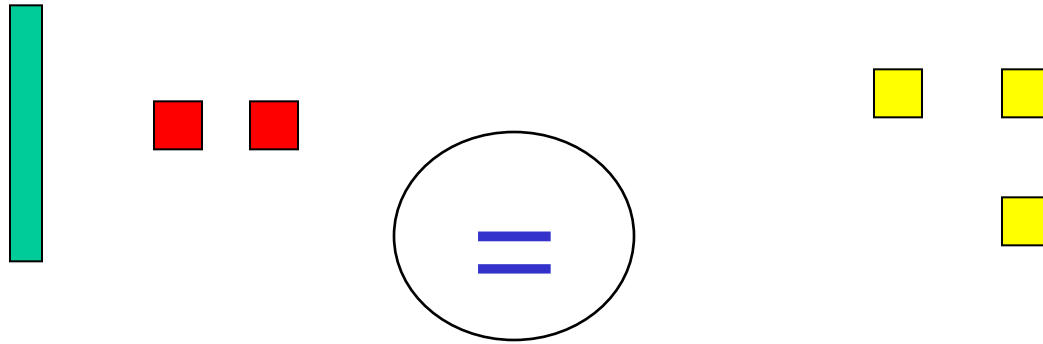
$$x = 1$$

Take away +1 from both sides.

Divide both sides in half.

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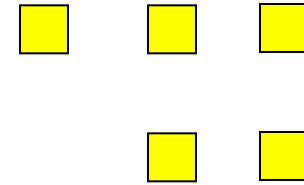
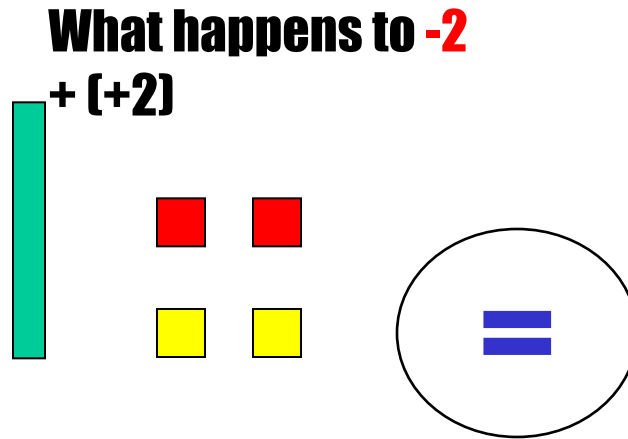
Show me what  $x - 2 = 3$  looks like.



# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

Let's try to solve  $x - 2 = 3$ .

They make 0 so take them away.



I want to get  $x$  all by itself.

Add  $+2$  to both sides.

How do I get rid of  $-2$ ?

$$x = 5$$

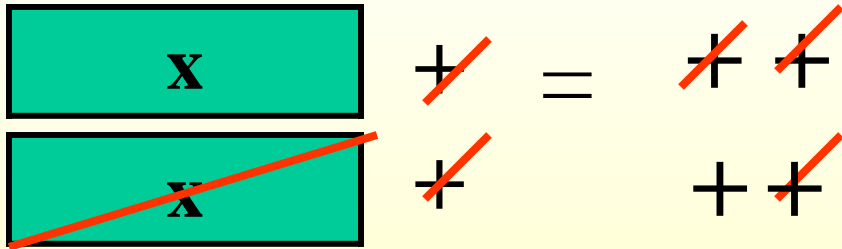
# EQUATIONS WITH ALGEBRA TILES

That's all folks!

**Take Out Your Study Guide!!!**

# #9 Algebra Tile Equations

$$2x + 2 = 4$$



Algebra

$$2x + 2 = 4$$

$$-2 = -2$$

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$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

**Draw a picture.**

**Take away 2  
from both sides.**

**Divide both sides  
in half.**





Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Solving Equations With Algebra Tiles**

**Let's start your homework.**

**Put your name, date and period on your handout.**

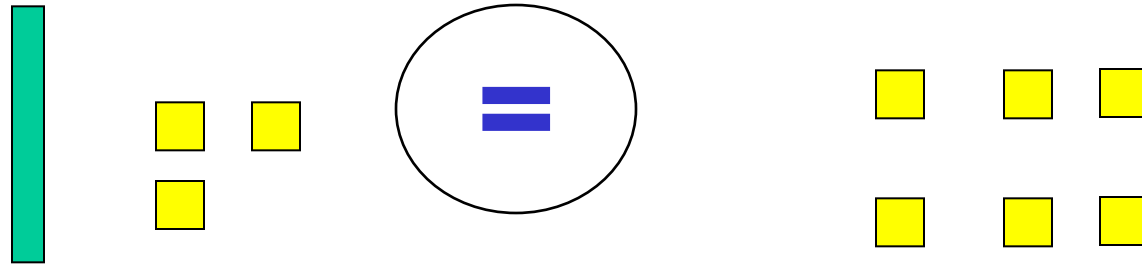
**You are going to do the problems with your algebra tiles 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Then you will draw the problem.**

**Then you will write the algebra equation and solve.**

# HOMWORK

Show me problem #1  $x + 3 = 6$



Take +3 away  
from both sides.

$$x = 3$$

Draw this on your homework paper

# HOMWORK

Draw problem #1  $x + 3 = 6$



Write the algebra steps!

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 3 = 6 \\ - 3 \quad - 3 \\ \hline x = 3 \end{array}$$

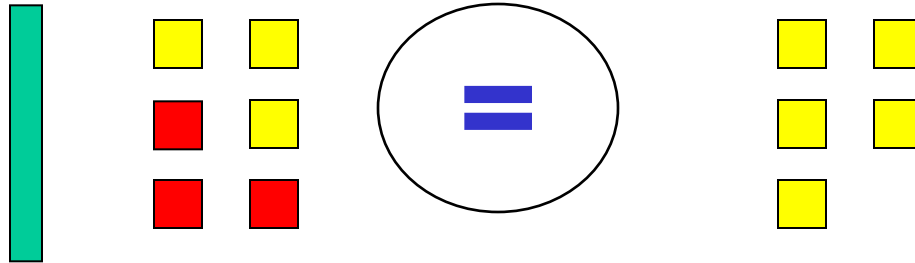
$$\begin{array}{l} \boxed{\checkmark} \quad 3 + 3 = 6 \\ 6 = 6 \end{array}$$

# HOMWORK

Show me problem #2  $x - 3 = 2$

They make 0 so  
take them away.

What happens  
to  $-3 + (+3)$  ?



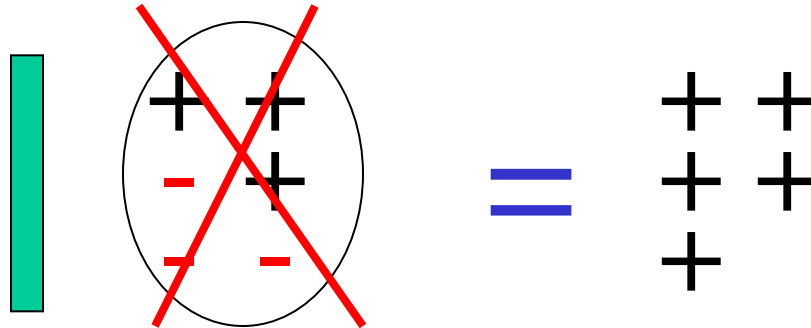
Add  $+3$  to both  
sides.

$$x = 5$$

Draw this on your homework paper

# HOMWORK

Draw problem #2  $x - 3 = 2$



Add +3 to both sides.

Cross off your zeros

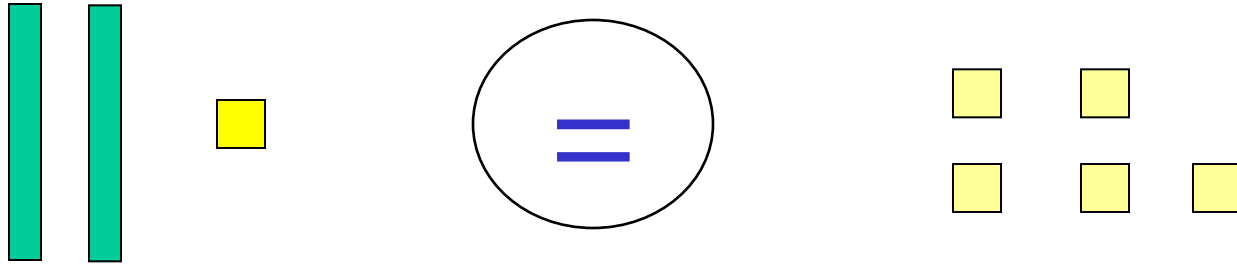
Algebra

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 3 = 2 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline x = 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\checkmark} 5 - 3 = 2 \\ 2 = 2 \end{array}$$

# HOMWORK

Show me problem #3  $2x + 1 = 5$



What can I take away from both sides?

If  $2x = 4$ , how do I solve?

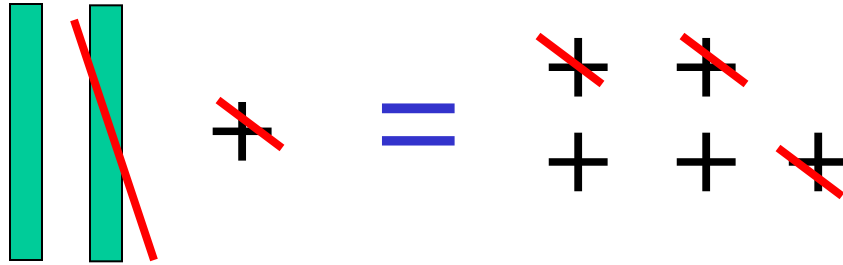
$$x = 2$$

Take away +1 from both sides.

Divide both sides in half.

# HOMEWORK

## Draw problem #3 $2x + 1 = 5$



Take away +1 from both sides

Divide both sides in half.

Algebra

$$2x + 1 = 5$$

~~-1~~   ~~-1~~

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$$2x = 4$$

~~2~~   ~~2~~

$$x = 2$$

$2(2) + 1 = 5$

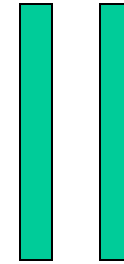
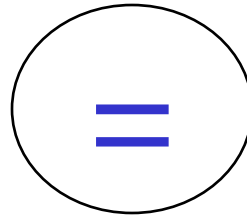
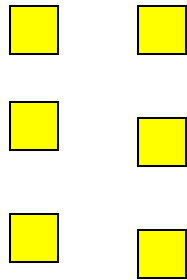
$$4 + 1 = 5$$

$$5 = 5$$

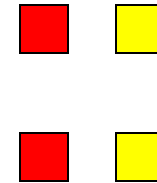


# HOMWORK

Show me problem #4  $4 = 2x - 2$



What happens to **-2**  
**+ (+2)**?



What can I **add** to both sides?

**Add +2 to both sides.**

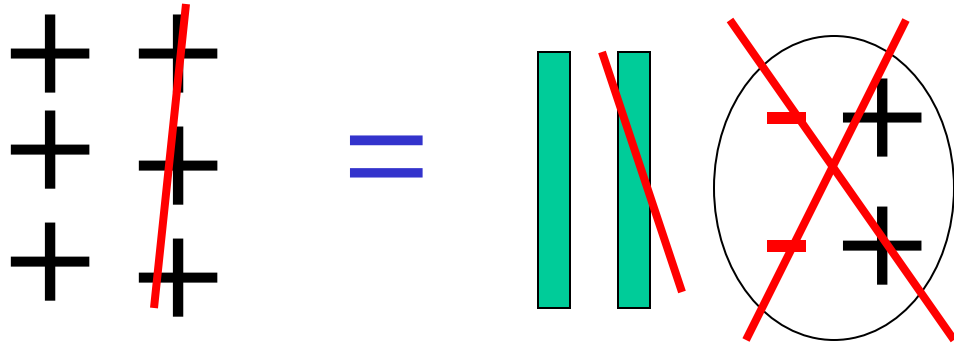
If **6 = 2x**, how do I solve?

**Divide both sides in half.**

$$x = 3$$

# HOMWORK

## Draw problem #4 $4 = 2x - 2$



Add +2 to both sides.

-2 + (+2) equal zero.

Divide both sides in half.

**Algebra**

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 = 2x - 2 \\ +2 \qquad +2 \\ \hline 6 = 2x \\ \hline 2 \quad 2 \\ 3 = x \end{array}$$

$4 = 2(3) - 2$   
 $4 = 6 - 2$   
 $4 = 4$

Put your **algebra tiles** back in your bag and ziplock them.

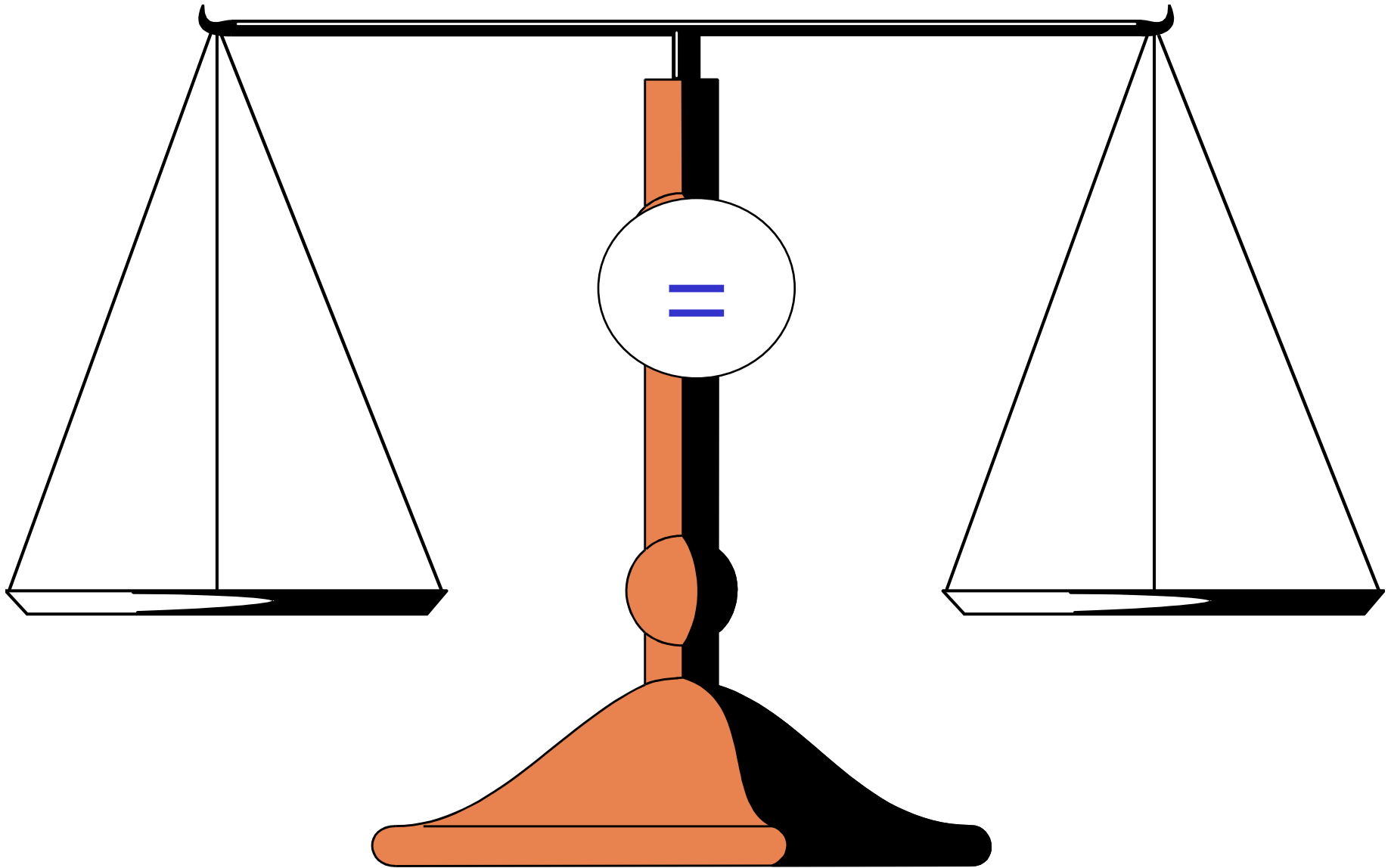
Pass your tiles forward quickly.

Pass up your **balance scale worksheet.**

**That's all Folks!**

**Teacher Note:** Use the next slide as a master. Make one copy for each student to use as a placemat when using the **algebra tiles** for solving equations as a hands on model.

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