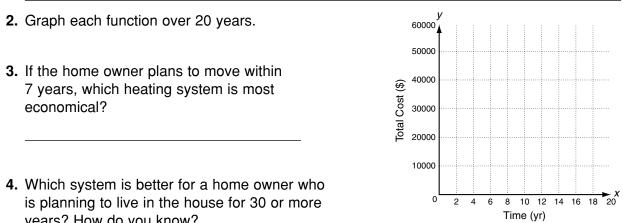
LESSON Challenge Find a Function to Fit

Some real-world problems can be modeled using functions. Consider a home owner in Maine faced with deciding which type of heating system to install in a new home. A solar system will cost \$20,000 to install, but the annual heating costs will be \$1000. A geothermal heat pump will cost \$15,000 to install with annual heating costs of \$1500. A conventional oilfired furnace will cost \$6000 to install with annual heating costs of \$2400.

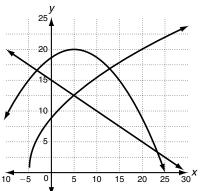
1. Write a function to represent the total cost of each system over t years.



years? How do you know?

Consider the graph below. Three functions are shown: a linear function, f(x), a quadratic function, g(x), and a square root function, h(x).

5. Identify three points on each graph. a. f(x) **b.** q(x)**c.** h(x)**6.** Find an equation that models f(t).



- 7. Find an equation that models g(t). Remember, every quadratic function is of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$. Set up a system of equations and solve for a, b, and c.
- 8. Find an equation that models h(t). A square root function can be modeled with $y = a\sqrt{x-h} + k$.

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