A circle is a set of points in the $x y$-plane that are a fixed distance $r$ from a fixed point $(h, k)$. The fixed distance $r$ is called the radius, and the fixed point $(h, k)$ is called the center of the circle.



If the radius of a circle whose center is at the origin is $r=1$, then we have a unit circle whose equation is of the form
$x^{2}+y^{2}=1$

The standard form of an equation of a circle with radius $r$ and center $(h, k)$ is

$$
(x-h)^{2}+(y-k)^{2}=r^{2}
$$

## Graph $(x+1)^{2}+(y-3)^{2}=16$ by hand.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad(x+1)^{2}+(y-3)^{2}=16 \\
& (x-(-1))^{2}+(y-3)^{2}=4^{2} \\
& \quad(x-h)^{2}+(y-k)^{2}=r^{2} \\
& h=-1, k=3, r=4
\end{aligned}
$$

Center: (-1, 3), Radius: 4


The general form of the equation of a circle is

$$
x^{2}+y^{2}+a x+b y+c=0
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{2}-4 x+4+y^{2}+8 y+16=5+4+16 \\
(x-2)^{2}+(y+4)^{2}=25
\end{gathered}
$$

Center: $(2,-4)$, Radius: 5

