## Geometry WS 1.7 – Constructing Inscribed Polygons

Inscribed polygon – a polygon placed inside a circle with all vertices lying on the circumference of the circle.



#### Constructing an inscribed Square.

- 1. Draw a circle using point *O* as the center.
- 2. Draw a diameter (segment passing through the center O.
- 3. Construct the perpendicular bisector of the diameter draw in step 2.
- 4. Connect the four points where the diameters intersect the circle.

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#### Constructing an inscribed Hexagon.

- 1. Draw a circle using point *O* as the center.
- 2. Draw a diameter (segment passing through the center O.
- 3. Set your compass to the length of the radius (distance from center to circle)
- 4. With the pin of the compass on each endpoint of the diameter, draw two arcs that intersect the circle.
- 5. Draw segments connecting the six points of intersection (vertices of the hexagon).

### Constructing an inscribed Equilateral Triangle.

- 1. Follow the first four steps of constructing an inscribed hexagon.
- 2. Draw segments connecting every other vertex.

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# Constructing a square given the length of the side.

- 1. Construct a perpendicular passing through one of the segment endpoints (this becomes the second side of the square).
- 2. Copy the length of the side from each of the vertices (three times).