Position vs. Time Graphs and Velocity

Name: _____

Period: ____ Date: ____

Consider the position vs. time graph below for cyclists A and B. (There are no calculations!)



- 1. Looking at graph 2, do the cyclists start at the same position? How do you know? If not, which one is further to the right?
- 2. How does the motion of the cyclist A in the graph 1 compare to that of A in graph 2?
- 3. How does the motion of cyclist B in the graph 1compare to that of B in graph 2?
- 4. Which cyclist has the greater **<u>speed</u>** in graph 1? How do you know?
- 5. Which cyclist has the greater **<u>velocity</u>** in graph 2? How do you know?
- 6. Describe what is happening at the intersection of lines A and B of graph 1.

Robin, roller skating down a marked sidewalk, was observed to be at the following positions at the times listed below.



- 7. Plot the position vs. time graph for the skater.
- 8. Describe the object's velocity between the times: t = 0s to t = 4s? If possible, include the magnitude and direction of the velocity.
- 9. Describe the object's velocity between the times: t = 4s to t = 6s? If possible, include the magnitude and direction of the velocity.
- 10. Describe the object's velocity between the times: t = 6s to t = 12s? If possible, include the magnitude and direction of the velocity.
- 11. Determine the skater's average **speed** from t = 0s to t = 12s.
- 12. Determine the skater's average **velocity** from t = 0s to t = 12s.
- 13. What is the skater's instantaneous velocity at 9 seconds?