"The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise." "[It] destroys memory and weakens the mind, relieving it of work that makes it strong. It is an inhuman thing."



What are some conjectures you can make about this pattern?

## CONJECTURE 1:

The bottom row of triangles has an ODD number of triangles -- the first 3 figures in the example have ODD numbers

(is 3 examples enough to convince? The number of examples Is NOT as important as the diversity of examples)



1 2 3 The bottom row of triangles has an ODD number of triangles

-- is there a better way to convince this conjecture is ALWAYS true

Talk about a pattern?

-- add a new bottom row with two more triangles

To prove the conjecture:

-- the first figure has 1 triangle on the bottom row (odd number)

-- the pattern of the figures is to ADD an new row on the bottom with TWO more triangles

-- the number on the bottom row will remain ODD (ODD + 2 = ODD)



What are some conjectures you can make about this pattern?

## **CONJECTURE 2**:

-- The tenth figure of this pattern will have 100 triangles

I got this conjecture because I noticed that the number of Triangles was related to the figure number Figure 1 -->  $1^2 = 1$  Figure 10 -->  $10^2 = 100$ Figure 2 -->  $2^2 = 4$ 



Instead of drawing the 10<sup>th</sup> figure, let's see if we can convince Ourselves by describing the pattern.

## **CONJECTURE 2**:

-- The tenth figure of this pattern will have 100 triangles

Figure #	1	2	3	4 5	6	7	8	9	10		
# of triangles	1	4	9	9 + 7 = <b>16</b>							
				2 * the number of rows							

+ 1 on the very top

## We have shown two examples of using INDUCTIVE reasoning:

-- Using examples to support your conjectures

-- The more examples the better but not necessarily convincing enough

-- The variety of examples is more important than the number of examples

-- Trying to move away from examples and into logical truths