## **POLYNOMIALS AND ALGEBRA TILES**

#### **Reference Key**

-1&1	-x & x	$-x^2 \& x^2$	$-x^3 \& x^3$

Note: All red algebra tiles represent negative terms. A zero pair is a positive and negative pair.

### **Adding Polynomials**

Build each polynomial separately. *What is the most efficient way to summarize how many blocks of each kind you have all together?* 

 $(3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 3)$  and  $(-x^3 - 5x^2 + 5)$ 

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Subtracting Polynomials**

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Build  $(5x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 6)$  and take away  $(-2x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2)$ . How many do you have left?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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