

* Solve $-4x + 9 = -12$

$$\begin{array}{r} + 9 \\ \hline - 9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -12 - 9 \\ -12 + -9 \\ \hline -21 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x \\ \hline -4 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} -21 \\ \hline -4 \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{21}{4}$$