COMPARING LINES: The problem

Two students worked on this problem:

8a. If you change the equation $y=x$ to $y=-0.6x$, how would the line change?

A. The steepness would change. Why or why not?

They drew two lines:

- $(y = x)$
- $(y = -0.6x)$

- NO
- YES
- STEEPER
- LESS STEEP
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USING THESE TWO FOCUS QUESTIONS

1. What mathematical practices did students use?
2. What resources did students use?

- Listen and watch carefully
- Read subtitles
- When student speaks Spanish, translation is below in parentheses
- I will read transcript after showing the video clip

COMMON CORE
MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES

1) **Make sense of problems** and persevere in solving them
2) **Reason abstractly** and quantitatively
3) **Construct viable arguments** and critique the reasoning of others
4) Model with mathematics
5) Use appropriate tools strategically
6) **Attend to precision**
7) Look for and make use of structure
8) Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

FOCUS ON MPS 1, 2, 3, and 6
VIDEO CLIP: COMPARING LINES

Marcela: No, it's less steeper . . .
Giselda: Why?
Marcela: See, it's closer to the x-axis . . . isn't it?
Giselda: Oh, so if it's right here . . . it's steeper right?
Marcela: Porque fíjate, digamos que este es el suelo,  
(Because look, let's say that this is the ground)
entonces, si se acerca más, pues es menos  steep.  
(then, if it gets closer, then it's less steep.)
Giselda: Oh, I got it. I thought you meant  
cual es la diferencia entre esto y el otro, know what I mean?  
(which is the difference between this and that one)
Marcela: Pero fíjate (But look),
Giselda: But that's not what they want.
Marcela: Yeah! . . . Well, kind of, cause see this one . . . is . . .  
está entre el medio de la 'x' y de la 'y,' right?  
(is between the x and the y)
This one (the line y=-0.6x) is closer to the x than to the y,  
so this one (the line y=-0.6x) is less steep.