$a+b+b=1212 \implies a=1212-2b$ Now compute the area: $area=a\times b=(l-2b)b=1212b-2b^2$

3. There are 3 sides to fence, two sides with length b and one side with length a:

Square the unit for vertex's vertical coordinate since it is a quadratic.

Notice the Parabolic function, compute the vertex:

 $vertex = (303 \text{ yd}, 183618 \text{ vd}^2)$