Draw the angle in standard position: it has its initial side on the *x*-axis and moves clockwise to the terminal side. The terminal side is in the second quadrant, because the angle measure is between  $-180^{\circ}$  (the negative *x*-axis) and  $-270^{\circ}$  (the positive *y*-axis). In particular:

$$-202^{\circ} = -180^{\circ} - 22^{\circ}$$

This tells you that the terminal side is  $22^{\circ}$  above the negative *x*-axis. To say this another way, the *x*-axis and the terminal side form a  $22^{\circ}$  angle. This is the reference angle.