

## Strategy #8: Sort and Create

### A variation of Sort & Predict and the Word Sort

#### Grades 4- 6 Social Studies

### Purpose

- To activate and extend prior knowledge
- To categorize information and ideas
- To help students focus on material
- To help students make connections between what they know and what they are about to learn

### Steps

- A number of terms from the unit students are about to learn are typed on a large sheet of paper. One paper is made for each group. The terms may be both familiar and unfamiliar words.
- Working in groups, the students, cut the terms out and place the cards in categories on a poster paper.
- The terms are labeled and glued to the paper. Students may draw illustrations to explain the categories and/or decorate the paper.
- They may present the poster to the class.

### Variations

Use pictures.