# 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.