

# CONNECT FOUR

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does this topic relate to what I know and can do?**

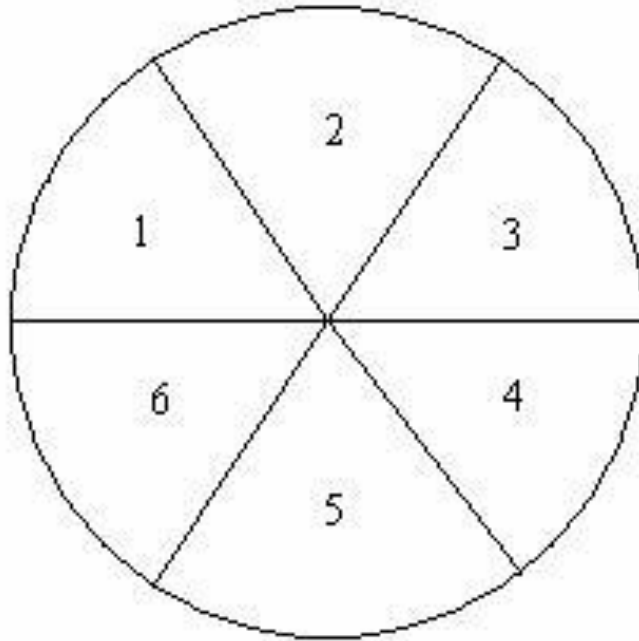
<p><b>My Personal Experiences</b> (family, friends, school, community, state)</p>	<p><b>My Knowledge of Media</b> (books, internet sites, videos, movies, TV shows, journals, magazines)</p>
<p><b>My Knowledge of the Nation</b> (other states, current events)</p>	<p><b>My Knowledge of Other Countries and the World</b> (peace, war, politics, religion, culture, traditions)</p>

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## ACTIVATING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE SPINNER

**Directions:** Spin your paper clip. Think about and answer the question that matches your number. Talk with a friend or write about your answers.



1. What do you know about this topic? What experience do you have with this topic?
2. What are some synonyms for this topic? OR Define this topic in your own words.
3. How could you use this topic currently in your life or in the future? OR What questions do you have about this topic?
4. Can you think of a specific example of when you experienced this topic? If so, how did it benefit or affect you?
5. If you were writing about this topic, what information would you include?
6. Why might it be important to learn about this topic?

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# MAKE MEANING

**My topic of information:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applying this topic to my life: (*How can I personally use this topic in my life now or in the future?*)**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Knowledge I have about this topic: (*What do I already know about this topic? What do I know how to do with this knowledge? What do others do with this knowledge?*)**

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**Experiences I've had with this topic: (*What is my story?*)**

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# WHAT IS YOUR STORY? INTEREST INVENTORY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are your favorite hobbies?	2. What are your favorite books AND types (genre) of books to read?
3. What are your favorite games to play? (board games, card games, etc.)	4. What are your favorite sports to play? What sports do you like to watch?
5. If you had 2 hours to do whatever you wanted, what would you do?	6. What are your favorite subjects in school, and why?
7. What are your not-so-favorite subjects in school, and why?	8. What career interests you most?
9. If you went to the library and had to check out nonfiction books, what topics would you choose?	10. What do you know a lot about?
11. What is the most interesting thing you have ever learned?	12. What is the most interesting thing you have ever done?
13. Is there something that nobody in this class knows about you? Something unique about yourself? This will be kept secret if you want.	14. What do you want to learn more about?

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