

Literacy Strategy #15

4-2-1 Free Write

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Name _____ Date _____ Class Period _____

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Objective

- By working collaboratively to identify "the one big idea" and then exploring that idea through free writing, students develop a deep and personally resonant perspective on

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Procedures:

- Students read text, write the four big ideas.
- Students pair up to share ideas, select the two most important ideas from their lists.
- Student pairs meet with another pair, share their ideas, reach agreement on single most important idea.
- Collect, discuss the most important idea from each group. Together, select the idea that is most important.
- Students write freely for five minutes on selected idea.

4-2-1 Free Write Organizer

Individually: Four Ideas

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Pairs: Two Central Ideas

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Groups of Four: The One Big Idea

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Free Write (Use the back of this sheet or a new piece of paper for more space.)