

Cover the Table

- Create teams of 3-4 people
- Each team members tears a sheet of paper into four pieces
- Each team member stands around the table with their paper and pencil.
- Teacher gives the topic or question for the teams to generate the ideas or answers.
- Give students a minute of think time.
- One student begins by saying an answer orally and then writes that answer on a sheet of paper and places it in the center of the teams table.
- Each team member takes a turn using the same routine.
- The turns continue until all have used their pieces of paper or all answers have been exhausted.
- Next: Students will categorize and label the answers as well as discuss them.
- Teacher can collect papers to check for understanding or misconceptions or do this by traveling around the room during activity.