

# Connections Activity

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<b>Title/Skill:</b>	Quick lineup/ Communications activity
<b>Connection Goal:</b>	Academic Achievement and Personalization
<b>Grade Level:</b>	9-12
<b>Month:</b>	
<b>Time Needed:</b>	10-20 min.

**Handouts/Materials Provided:** Materials are not necessary but teacher(s) should know the cardinal points on a compass (north, south, east, west)

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## **Summary of Activity for the Advisor:**

1. Have students pick a number 1 through 4. Do not tell them what the numbers represent. Do not allow them to speak or to tell anyone else their number.
  2. Tell students to find the members of their group by shaking hands. Group 1 will shake hands once. Group 2, twice, etc. (**DO NOT** allow hand gestures) If another student tries to shake your hand more than the number of your group, he or she is not a member of your group, please politely excuse them.
  3. Once the groups are arranged, tell group 1 to line up and face north. Tell group 2 to face east. Tell group 3 to face south. Tell group 4 to face west. When all the groups are in position there should be a square with all of the students facing each other.
  4. (Time permitting) You can then reassign the groups to a different direction. You can change your own location and ask the students to reorient themselves.
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## **Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:**

- Discuss with the students what helped them to orient themselves.
- Discuss their level of comfort with the handshake as a way to divide the groups.
- Discuss what worked and what did not work