**Writing Strategy # 2 - November**

**4 – 2 -1 Freewrite**

1. Have students individually identify four ideas regarding a topic of interest.
2. Students then meet in pairs to discuss their ideas and assist each other in refining each other’s ideas into two central ideas within their respective topics.
3. The pairs combine to create groups of four who share their ideas and come to a consensus for each individual’s topic to become their refined point for writing.
4. Students individually free write for five minutes on that one refined point explaining what they know about the idea (if students become stuck they write about why they are stuck).
5. Students return to their groups of 4 and listen to each other’s written responses.

4 – 2 – 1 Free Write Organizer

**Individually: Four Ideas on my topic**

**Pairs: Two**

**Central Ideas**

**Groups of Four:**

**The Refined topic**

**Free Write**