Jigsaw Groups

Here is How it Works:

1. Divide the class into small groups of four or five students, depending on the number of topics being studied.

2. Each member of each group will be given one topic in which to become an expert.

3. Allow time for students to study their topic. This works best when materials are prepared ahead of time.

4. After an adequate amount of time, all students that studied the same topic get together and discuss what they have learned.

5. Have group members reconvene in their original groups. Each expert presents what he or she has learned to the rest of the group. Group members are encouraged to ask questions to clarify important points.

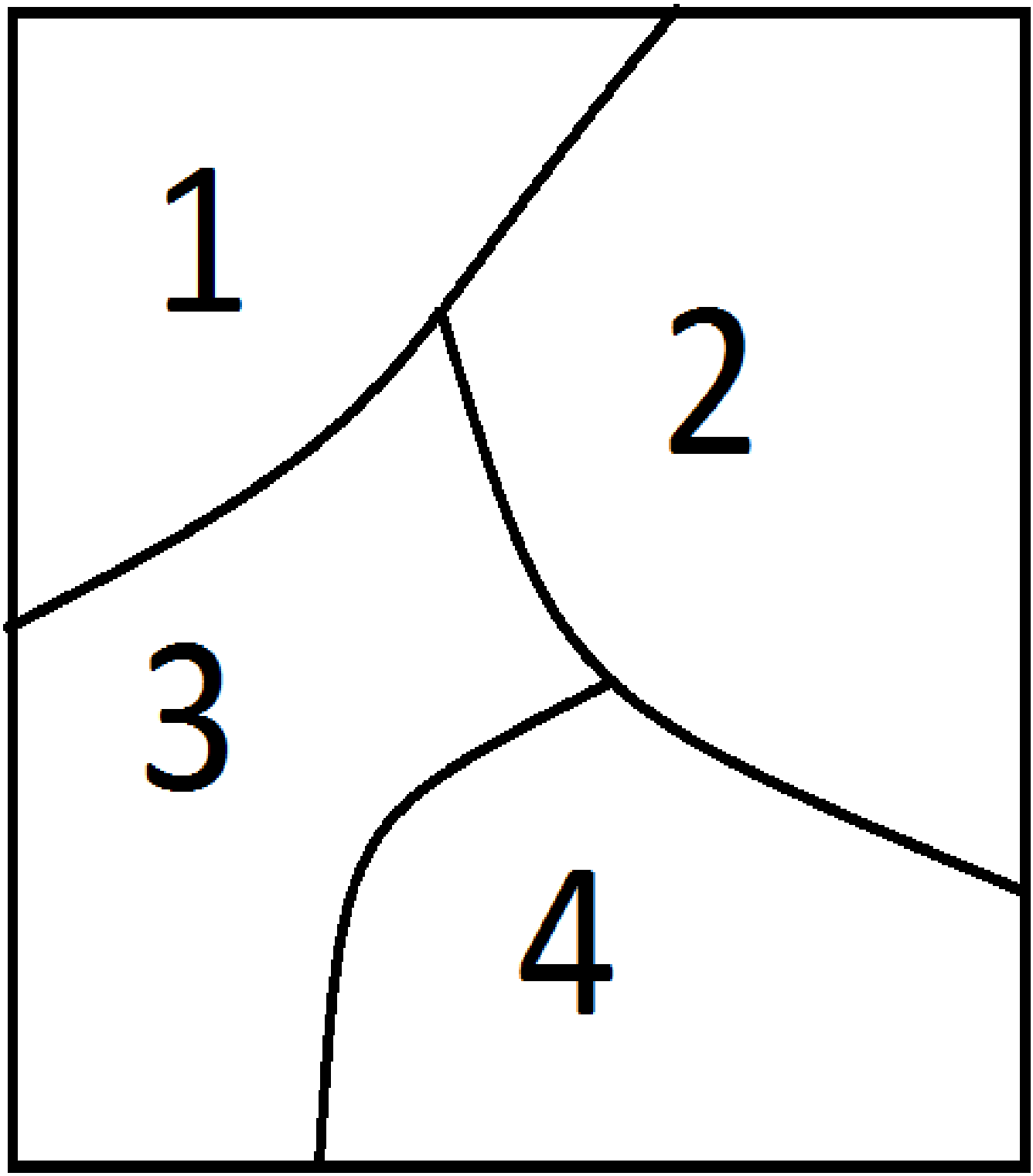
6. Evaluate students learning through their development of a product or administering a small quiz etc.

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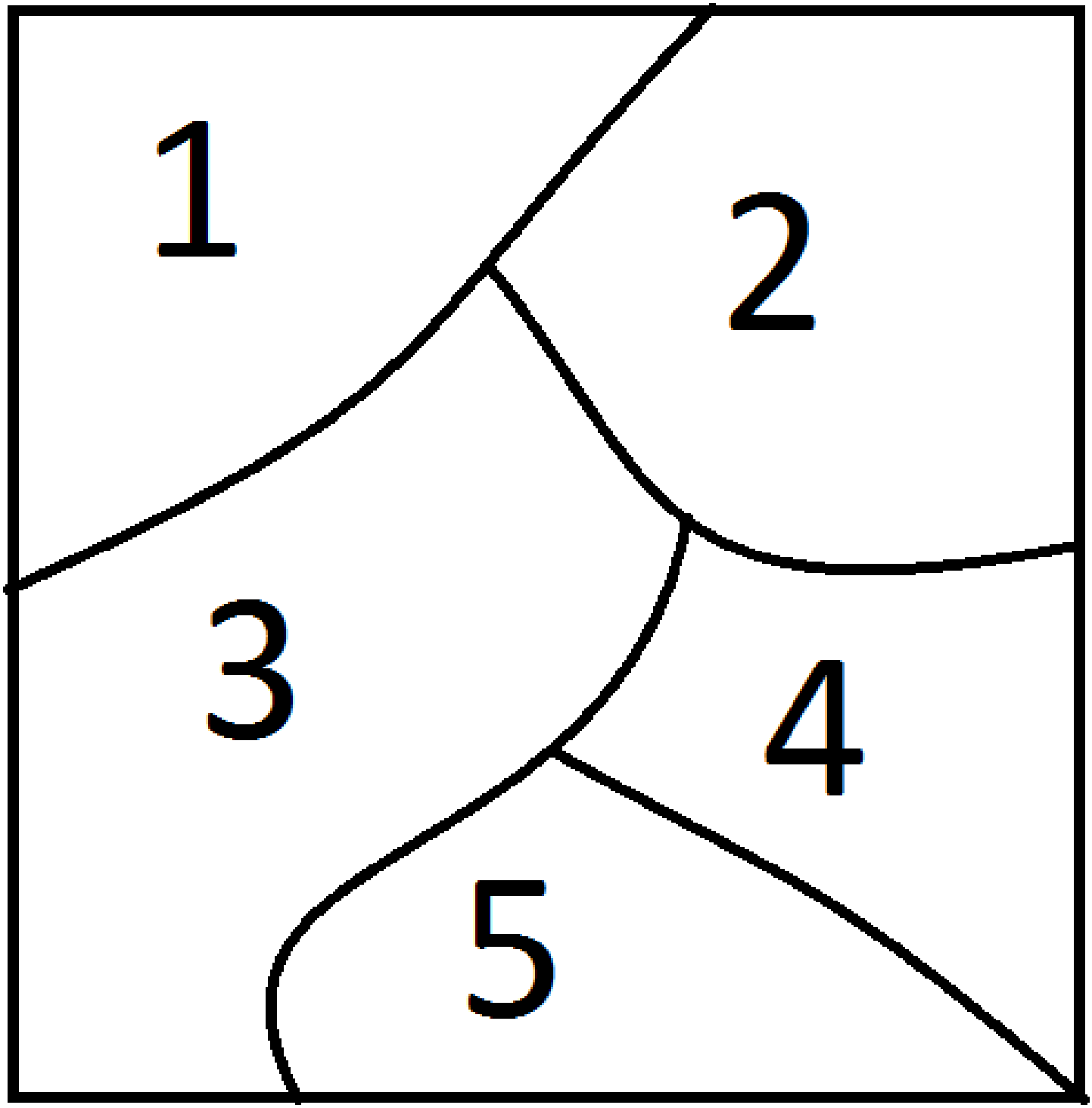
Make four copies of the four piece puzzle, or five of the five piece puzzle, depending on how many groups you have. Give each group member one piece. This number corresponds to the topics on the Jigsaw Topics page.

This activity has been adapted from the book by Gail Ryser and Kathleen McConnell entitled: *Practical Ideas That Really Work for Students Who Are Gifted*.

Jigsaw Puzzle - Groups of 4



Jigsaw Puzzle - Groups of 5



Jigsaw Topics

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