These expressions are messy. Let's clean up. -3(2x + 8) + 4x - 12 = 3(x + 4) + 2-6x - 24 + 4x - 12 = 3x + 12 + 2-2x - 36 = 3x + 14-3x -2x 14 36 50 -5x <u>-5x</u> -5 <u>50</u> -5

x = -10



Clean-Up

1. Distribute. Make sure the - comes with the three

2. Combine Like Terms. Work on just one side of the river at a time.

3. Cross the river (bridge).
*Only when moving the whole term
*Sign changes if crossing the bridge

(justification: addition or subtraction POE)

4. Solve (multiply or divide)

Date ___