1_4. First, we can construct a right triangle with sides $r, r-2 a$ and $r-a$. The radius of the circle is r. Using the Pythagorean Theorem, we have $(r-a)^{2}+(r-2 a)^{2}=r^{2}$.

After foiling and combining like terms: $2 r^{2}-6 a r+5 a^{2}=r^{2}$
Subtracting $r^{2}$ from both sides: $2 r^{2}-r^{2}-6 a r+5 a^{2}=0$
Factoring: $(r-5 a)(r-a)=0$
Thus, $r=5 a$ and the length of the side we can find using the following ratio:
$\frac{r}{5 a}=\frac{x}{2 a}$
By cross multiplying, we get 5ax $=2 a r$. Divide both sides by 5 a to solve for $x$ and we get $x=2 r / s$.

