

Graphic Organiser

Thinking Processes – Evaluating Effectiveness

REASONING, PROCESSING AND INQUIRY

CREATIVITY

REFLECTION, EVALUATION AND METACOGNITION



RANKING LADDER



How Does It Work?

This tool will help you to evaluate your ideas from the most important to the least important. It works best with a partner so that you have to explain your thinking and listen to their thoughts.

KEY ELEMENTS TO THINK ABOUT

- Write the problem in your own words. With your partner, brainstorm possible answers.
- Discuss all options with your partner to try and agree on the most important. Put that at the top of the ladder.
- Work through all the others until you agree on each position on the ladder.
- Write your reasons for choosing the most and least important answers.

TASK

Following our class reading of “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone”, which character do you believe plays the most important role in the story?

1. State the problem in your own words:

Which character in the first Harry Potter book is most important?

2. Brainstorm possible answers:

Voldemort, Harry, Hermione, Snape, Malfoy, Ron, Dumbledore

3. Justify your most important response:

If Voldemort had not created the scar on Harry’s head and failed to kill him, none of the rest of the story would exist. It’s all based on the fact that Harry may be the only person to kill Voldemort.

4. Justify your least important response:

While Ron is a really likeable character and is very important to Harry’s happiness, his existence doesn’t change the outcomes of the story. Whereas Hermione’s magic skills are vital.

