

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 ALL possibilities, rather than giving a 'knee-jerk' reaction to a proposition or question. The requirement to justify your responses to a partner develops higher order thinking skills.

KEY ELEMENTS TO THINK ABOUT

- State the problem in your own words and brainstorm a list of possible responses with your partner.
- Now consider EACH response with your partner to form a decision on the most important. Continue to consider the remaining responses AGAINST each other to complete the ladder.
- Articulate your justifications for choosing both your most and least important responses.
- This could be used in any situation where you have to give weight to a range of options/choices.

TASK

Having followed the lead up to the federal election, consider those attributes that you would consider the most important for a potential Prime Minister of our country.

1. State the problem:	What are the characteristics of an effective Prime Minister?
2. Brainstorm possible answers:	Passionate, great communicator, positive, empathetic, highly organised, visionary, high level of integrity
3. Justify your most important response:	It is crucial that he/she as the leader of Australia has unquestionable integrity and can hold the public's confidence when making the difficult decisions required by the position.
4. Justify your least important response:	It is important for him/her to be supported by highly organised people, but is not necessary (in fact may be limiting to their creativity) for him/her to be highly organised themselves.

