

Evaluating Reasoning

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4			
Evaluate the character's decisions:						
What is the action the character takes?  (Text based)	What were the consequences?  (Text based and/or inferred information)	Why did the character act in this way?  (Text based and/or inferred information)	What flaws were there in the character's thinking?  Support your answer.	What logical reasons support the choices made?  Support your answer.	Do you agree or disagree with the characters reasoning?  Support your answer.	Does the character's treatment of the other characters seem fair?  Why or why not?
<u>Mrs. Whitlaw:</u>  She save us (us = ?)	Brought us out of shock	She was an authoritative figure: landlady	Landlady could have put the others in danger	“We’re put on Earth to help one another.”	Opinion: I agree/disagree...  Agree  Evidence:  Characters were not hurt and others were helpless	Judgment: Yes, it’s fair/ No, it’s not fair...  Fair  Evidence:  Someone has to be that driving force to begin rescue
<u>Father:</u>  <u>Doubts his capabilities</u>	He finds his inner strength	He was afraid and confused	He was not thinking positively	Chose to help (see above)	Agree  Evidence:  He was shocked in the	Fair  Evidence:

					<i>beginning, but realized what should be done</i>	<i>He helped people who were worse off than himself</i>
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Step 5: What is the most important conclusion that can be drawn from the selection?

People react to adversity in different ways.
There are multiple ways to deal positively to adverse situations.

Step 6: What would you do in a similar situation? Why?

I would want to help. Why?
Come up with an opposing viewpoint.