

# Power Word: Evaluate

This is a guide for the video on the word Evaluate.  
Be prepared to take notes and pause the video when necessary.

## Guided Notes on Thinking Skills:

Evaluate means to determine the value, worth,  
or importance of something.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the accuracy of claims.
2. Assessing the reasonableness and \_\_\_\_\_ of ideas.
3. Establishing \_\_\_\_\_ for judging.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Standards for judging things by.

\_\_\_\_\_ : To give a good reason for something or  
to provide a solid explanation.

**READ** the following selection and answer the question that follows:

Rebecca, an Amish girl, is wearing black leather shoes, long black stockings, and a bright turquoise dress covered by a matching turquoise cape and apron. Her hair is long and braided; she has worn it that way all her life and could probably braid it in her sleep. It is covered by a white cap with a narrow pleat going from front to back...Rebecca's ancestors wore simple forms of European clothes popular when the sect began in the seventeenth century. Not until two hundred years later did Amish leaders begin to enforce traditional clothing. Now dressing in proper Amish style is part of the *Ordnung*, the set of rules that governs their behavior.

By Lucie Germer from Cobblestone's November 1987 issue:  
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# ANSWER

the following question:

Which of the following criteria would most likely be used to **evaluate** the appropriateness of Rebecca's outfit?

- A. Her outfit meets the guidelines set forth in the Ordnung.
- B. Her outfit was most recently seen on the cover of a teen magazine.
- C. All her friends think her outfit is really cool.
- D. The fabrics used to make her clothes are all natural.

## Writing Assessment System Task/Assignment

Grade 7 General Assessment  
Mathematics Content Area Task 3

### Popcorn Fundraiser

The seventh grade at George Middle School is planning to sell popcorn at the football games. They want to buy the brand of popcorn that will yield the most cooked popcorn. They need to decide between the following brands and make a recommendation to the class sponsor (who also happens to be the math teacher!)

- Brand A: 1 cup uncooked popcorn yields 5 cups cooked popcorn
- Brand B: 4 cups uncooked popcorn yields 25 cups cooked popcorn
- Brand C: 3 cups uncooked popcorn yields 10 cups cooked popcorn
- Brand D: 5 cups uncooked popcorn yields 20 cups cooked popcorn

#### Your Task:

Using the information, write a letter to the class sponsor with the recommendation for the brand of popcorn to purchase. Include the following information:

- The brand(s) which will give you the best ratio of uncooked popcorn to cooked popcorn,
- An explanation of the reason behind your recommendation, and
- An explanation of the math you used to solve the problem.

### Questions for Evaluation:

For additional practice with evaluating, return to the reading selection about Rebecca, the Amish girl. Answer the following evaluation questions which are based on that text.

1. Did you detect any biases (unfair preference or dislike) regarding Amish style?
2. What is the source of this information? How do you know it is credible?
3. What do you think about the traditional clothing worn by the Amish? Why?
4. In what situations would you be willing to comply with such rules on dress and behavior?