

## Who's Responsible?

**Instructions: Read the following short story. Individually answer the question that directly follows the story. Use line A for recording your individual answer and line B for your group's answer.**

In a house is a young woman married to a man who works very hard. She feels neglected. When her husband goes off on still another trip, the young wife meets an attractive man who invites her to his house. She spends the night and at dawn she leaves, knowing her husband is coming back soon. The bridge is blocked by a madman who kills everyone who comes near him. The young wife follows the river and meets the ferryman, but he demands one-hundred euros to take her to the other side. The young wife has no money. She runs back to her lover and asks for one-hundred euros; he refuses to help. The woman remembers that a platonic friend lives close by. She runs to him and explains her plight. The friend refuses to help; she has disillusioned him by her conduct. Her only choice is to go by the bridge in spite of the danger and the madman kills her.

**Question: In what order do you hold the principals (woman, husband, lover, madman, ferryman, and friend) responsible for the tragedy?**

Line A: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**As a group, arrive at a group consensus. All group members should agree to the final ordering of responsibility. Avoid communication-reduction techniques such as drawing from a hat or vote-taking. Record the group's answer on line B.**

Line B: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_