**Princess Ranking Activity**

First, read this story about a Princes…..

A STORY ABOUT A PRINCESS

‘Long ago in an ancient kingdom there lived a princess who was very young and very beautiful. The princess, recently married, lived in a large and luxurious castle with her husband, a powerful and wealthy lord. The young princess was not content, however, to sit and eat strawberries by herself while her husband took frequent and long journeys to neighbouring kingdoms. She felt neglected and soon became quite unhappy. One day, while she was alone in the castle gardens, a handsome vagabond rode out of the forest bordering the castle. He spied the beautiful princess, quickly won her heart, and carried her away with him. Following a day of dalliance, the young princess found herself ruthlessly abandoned by the vagabond. She then discovered that the only way back to the castle led through the bewitched forest of the wicked sorcerer. ‘Fearing to venture into the forest unaccompanied, she sought out her kind and wise godfather. She explained her plight, begged forgiveness of the godfather, and asked his assistance in returning home before her husband returned. The godfather, however, surprised and shocked at her behaviour, refused forgiveness and denied her any assistance. Discouraged but still determined, the princess disguised her identity and sought the help of the most noble of all the kingdom’s knights. After hearing the sad story, the knight pledged his unfailing aid – for a modest fee. But alas, the princess had no money and the knight rode away to save other damsels. The beautiful princess had no one else from whom she might seek help, and decided to brave the great peril alone. She followed the safest path she knew, but when she was almost through the forest, the wicked sorcerer spied her and caused her to be devoured by the fire-breathing dragon.’

Then, complete the two tables below:

1. Who is most responsible for the death of the princess through to who is least responsible?

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| **Character** | **Rank (Most = 1, Least = 7)** |
| Princess |  |
| Husband |  |
| Vagabond |  |
| Godfather |  |
| Knight |  |
| Sorcerer |  |
| Dragon |  |

1. Why do you think they were responsible, and what value does this represent for you?

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| **Character** | **Why were they responsible?** | **What value does this represent?** |
| Princess |  |  |
| Husband |  |  |
| Vagabond |  |  |
| Godfather |  |  |
| Knight |  |  |
| Sorcerer |  |  |
| Dragon |  |  |