Evaluating Heroes

Evaluating is the process of making a judgment based on information, standards, or criteria.

You use evaluation when you

- choose which movie you want to see

- decide whether a move is legal according to the rules of a game

- judge whether a punishment is fair

- decide whether you want to be friends with someone

When are some other situations when you might use the skill of evaluation?

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Cluster Question: Hero or not?

Directions: In the introductory essay, David Granger describes several standards people use to decide whether someone is a hero. Read the first column of the chart on the following screens. Decide whether you think each standard is appropriate for determining whether someone is a hero. Agree or disagree with Granger's standards in the second column.

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Possible Standard	Agree or Disagree? Why?
Heroes have no serious character flaws.	
Heroes are good role models.	

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Possible Standard	Agree or Disagree? Why?
Heroes are individuals who "met their moment and left us speechless at what a human being is capable of."	

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What other standards might you use to decide whether someone is a hero? List your additional points in the first column in the chart below and on the next screen. In the second column, give an example of a "hero" meeting that standard.

Additional Standard	Hero Example

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