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MAILMAN'S GORGE AND GRAY ROCK

Student Instructions

Six Hat Thinking extends the way we think. By changing hats, we change our way of thinking about a topic. Each hat colour indicates a type of thinking or questioning.

The White hat indicates the need to identify the facts and details of the topic being thought about.

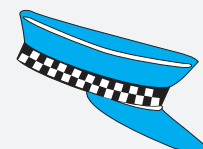
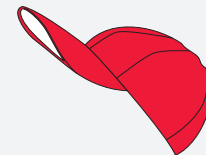
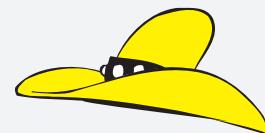
The Purple hat looks at negative aspects of the topic.

The Yellow hat is the sunshine hat, the everything-will-be-all-right hat and focuses attention on positive aspects only.

The Red hat is concerned with the heart and looks at the effects of a topic from the point of view of emotions and feelings.

The Green hat is the wildly imaginative one where creative and way-out ideas are sought.

The Blue hat signals reflection, metacognition and the need to see the big picture.



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Using the Six Hat Thinking procedure, consider the following questions in groups of three or four. Alternatively, work alone and collate your ideas in a whole group brainstorming session.

Topic: Mailman's Gorge Massacre

1. White Hat: What are the facts we know about the Mailman's Gorge Massacre?

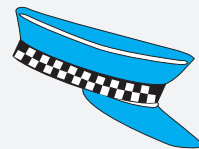
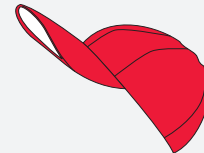
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2. Purple Hat: What bad or negative things could result from students learning about tragedies like the Mailman's Gorge Massacre?

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3. Yellow Hat: What good or positive things could result from students learning about tragedies like the Mailman's Gorge Massacre??

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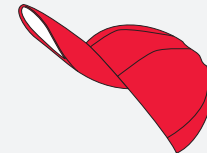
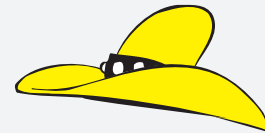
4. Red Hat: You read about the murders in the local newspaper. What emotions might arise? Remember the beliefs of the day.

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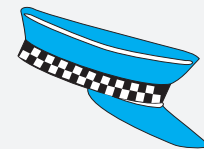
5. Green Hat: If such a massacre occurred today, what consequences would there be?

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6. Blue Hat: Can saying we are sorry for what happened help right historical wrongs?

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