

BLAMING THE VICTIM EXERCISE

There once lived a baron and his wife, the baroness. Times were troubled between the two. One day the baron told the baroness not to leave her quarters. She was strictly forbidden to do anything that day but remain in her quarters.

She decided she was not going to stay. So she set out for the house of her lover. Over the bridge she went to have a marvelous time. She ended up spending the entire day and part of the evening. It was near dark when she set out to return home.

As she came close to the bridge she encountered a madman. The madman said to her, "If you try to cross this bridge, I will knife you to death." She decided to cross at another point in the river.

The baroness approached the ferrymen and asked him to take her across. He requested payment first. She had nothing to pay him and he then denied her to travel across. She begged and said she could be killed if he did not help her. He chose not to help.

She fled to the house of her lover but first came across a friend of long ago. She begged her friend to help her. The friend would not because of her affair.

Her lover would not answer the door even though she begged and pleaded for his help.

She chose to chance the madman.

Her choice became the death of her. Upon approaching the madman, he knifed and killed her.

VICTIM FOCUS WORKSHEET

Rank the characters by order of responsibility you place on them for the death of the Baroness. Six being the least responsible, one being the most. You must use all six characters, you must use numbers 1 through 6.

1. (Most responsible)

2.

3.

4.

5.

6. (Least responsible)