At a Glance
Ranking the importance or relative value of actions, events, etc., such as
- the causes or effects of a conflict or the leadership ability of various leaders
- the value of various resources or the worst storms of the century
- reasons for making a decision

Differentiated Instruction: Lesson 2
For struggling students, use the graphic organizer to lead a group discussion on the topic they will actually write about.

LESSON 1 SUPPORT FOR READING
Step-by-Step Strategy
1. Choose a topic from your textbook or course plan that would require students to evaluate a number of actions, events, etc., and rank them in order of importance.
2. Ask students to read the material about the topic and take detailed notes.
3. After the students have finished reading, conduct a class discussion in which students identify the details, actions, or events related to the topic. For example, if the topic were Napoleon’s battles, students might make a list of all the battles.
4. Display the Rank Order Chart and enter the topic on the top line. Then conduct a group brainstorming session to rank the details, actions, or events. Ask students to provide an explanation for each ranking. Make sure students’ explanations for the rankings are logical.
5. Hand out copies of a Rank Order Chart or direct students to locate a chart online for use as they read.

LESSON 2 SUPPORT FOR WRITING
Step-by-Step Strategy
1. Choose a topic from your textbook or course plan that would require students to evaluate a number of actions, events, etc., and rank them in order of importance.
2. Give students an assignment to write a paper on that topic, ranking the importance of related events, actions, details, etc. For example, you might ask students to write about the development of conflict, ranking the related factors by order of importance.
3. As an example, use the graphic organizer to model how to rank items that relate to a different topic.
4. Give students the following format for their paper.
   - Introduce the thesis or main idea.
   - Discuss the items in order of rank including an explanation for the order of each ranked item.
   - Summarize your points in a conclusion.