

Culpability Tier List

OVERVIEW: A “tier list” is a method of grading. It appears to have started in the video game community as a way to rank different players within games, or even different games themselves. As tier lists became more mainstream, people have started using them to rank pretty much anything: fast food, musicians, sports teams—the list goes on. The grading is based on the following scale: S, A, B, C, D, F (S stands for “superior” and is ranked higher than an A).

While Tier Lists are often used to highlight positive rankings, we can also use it to highlight the culpability (blame / fault) of moral issues that continue in our world today.

EXAMPLE: Below is an example of a tier list focused on culpability for the issue of world hunger. At the beginning, there is an example of a brainstormed list of stakeholders which is then organized in the list.

Moral Issue: World Hunger	
Brainstorm list of Stakeholders who might have some (culpability) blame	Food companies, wealthy countries (USA, UK, France, etc), wealthy corporations / businesses (Amazon, Apple, etc), small-scale farmers, factory farmers, oil companies, people experiencing hunger, national governments, local governments, international groups (United Nations, World Health Organization, etc), supermarket chains, policy makers, Military-driven wars, colonization, traditional media, social media, individuals earning high-income, faith-based organizations, donation-based organizations

Culpability Tier List for “World Hunger”	
S (Most culpable)	• Wealthy countries • International groups • Policy makers • Military-driven wars • Factory farms • Oil companies
A	• Wealthy corporations • Colonization • Supermarket chains • Traditional media
B	• Local governments • Faith-based organizations • Donation based organizations
C	• Social media • Individuals earning high-incomes • Small-scale farmers
D	• Countries without surplus wealth
F (least culpable)	• People experiencing hunger

Team Practice: Culpability Tier Lists

DIRECTIONS: Use this page to create a culpability “Tier List” and compare your list with your peers. Discuss arguments (and counterarguments) about where you see the culpability (blame) for the potential issue. To decide on your topic, here are 2 ideas:

1. Pick a general moral issue (local or global)
2. Pick a specific case from the [NHSEB.org library](https://www.nhseeb.org/library)

General Moral Issue (Or specific case topic): _____	
Brainstorm list of Stakeholders who might have some (culpability) blame	

S (Most culpable)	
A	
B	
C	
D	
F (least culpable)	