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Maria Gomez: Assessment task

You will need the source sheet to help you answer these questions and have spent some time in class looking at Maria's story

1. Why do you think that Maria's friends chose to remember Maria's life and faith by having this cross made? (Source one)

*They did this because she did a similar thing to what Jesus did so the cross really works as a way to remember her. It shows that she was a religious person (Catholic) and it will mean a lot to other Catholics because she was just like them. They will be really proud of what she did and might want to make her a saint. I think that this would be a good idea even though some people in this country might think that it's a bad idea as because they might start worshipping Maria and not God.*

*This answer is at level 5 AT1 even though the last part doesn't focus on the Gomez cross directly it still shows level 5 reasoning. There is a clear explanation of what the cross (form of religious expression) will mean to Maria's fellow Catholics. In the last part of the answer there is recognition of diversity in forms of religious expression across cultures. To achieve level 6 there would need to be some explanation of the reasons for that cultural difference or more development or interpretation of the significance of the cross to Maria's friends, perhaps focusing on how the cross might become a symbol of opposition or defiance of the government.*

2. What challenges did Maria face in following her faith? Do you think that she was right to do what she did? (Try to explain your view)

*I think she was right to do what she did because she was sacrificing herself for other people so that they might understand that the government is controlling them and hopefully change it. She did this because she was following the example of Jesus and as a Christian she believes she must be prepared to give her life as Jesus did for others. Some people might say that this is taking your religion too far and she could have done more to help*

people by just doing her job but I think she is a hero because we wouldn't be doing her in RE if she hadn't done this.

*This makes level 5 AT2 as it expresses and explains a view on the challenges of following a religion. The first sentence explains well what Maria was trying to do, the second sentence explains that she was inspired by her faith; the last sentence attempts a balanced response on the effectiveness of Maria's actions. To get level 6 there would need to be more use of the other sources or perhaps a development of the reflection on how Maria could inspire people in other cultures.*

3. Look at the sources. How does Maria's life and faith connect all three sources? Try to explain the connection between the three sources.

*Maria has looked up to Jesus as a role model; because she is a Christian she wanted people to get a good education. In source 2 it says that Jesus wanted to bring freedom to everyone that suffers. Maria did so by teaching the poor, it's like they are the same. Its like Maria wanted to carry on Jesus work by helping people and like happened to Jesus she ended up sacrificing her life and like him she is remembered by a cross.*

*This answer is level 5 AT1. It clearly explains the impact that Maria's faith had on her actions. This link is made from source two, by explaining the ways in which Maria followed Jesus her role model. This student explains how Maria used the sources to justify her ethical stance. To make level 6 this student would need to explain how different cultures and societies would respond differently to the Luke passage.. I am not sure that the question really allows scope for this.*

4. Maria was inspired by her faith to stand up for what is right. What, or who, inspires you to do what you think is right? Try to give examples and explain.

*Madonna inspires me because she saved a little boys life from a poor town in Africa which inspired me to help with fundraising so that more money can be raised to help the poor. I know a lot of people had a go at her but she did it as part of her sort of Jewish religion she has worked hard to be so rich and*

*it is great that she tries to give something back. We are very rich in this country; we should all try and give something back.*

*This is a level 5 AT2 answer. There is a clear explanation of what about Madonna's actions inspires this student and this is related to the students own values and commitments. This answer is greatly helped by the mention of Madonna's motives for this action.*

*To achieve level 6 they would need to focus their answer on an example of someone who was motivated by their faith to be inspiring on a world issue. This would be difficult without giving students a specific example to analyse. Potentially it could be done on Maria Gomez but an easier example might be Martin Luther King or Bono. In both cases the motivation of their faith would have to be identified and the challenges of belonging to religion discussed. .*