

Group 1 ordering of the index cards

1) Should capital punishment be abolished?

5) Case study of a man who was electrocuted by the state of Alabama in 1957. In 1964, another man confessed to the same crime the executed man was convicted of committing.

7) Studies showing that it costs more to execute a person than to keep him or her in prison for life.

14) Statistics suggesting capital punishment is not a deterrent.

10) An account of a typical day in prison — a description of weight room, cafeteria, library, classroom.

16) Graphic description of death in a gas chamber.

18) Graphic description of an execution by electrocution.

15) A quotation from a member of a murder victim's family saying that an execution will not bring the loved one back.

9) Statement by a Ph.D. philosopher opposing the death penalty.

6) A quotation from a priest/minister/rabbi opposing capital punishment.

17) Facts showing that most countries have abolished capital punishment.

Index cards not used

2) Statistics showing how many people were murdered by released convicted killers.

3) Statistics on the increase in murders in parts of the U. S. in recent years.

4) Graphic description of a murder committed by the most recently executed convicted murderer in the U. S.

8) A quotation from a member of a murder victim's family saying how relieved he is now that his loved one's murderer has been executed.

11) Studies detailing the high cost of keeping someone in prison for life.

12) Grisly newspaper account of a child murdered by a convicted murderer out on parole after serving 10 years.

13) Quote from a woman whose son was murdered by a man who may be released in 2005.