

Initial ordering of the index cards before being handed out

- 1) Should capital punishment be abolished?
- 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.
- 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.
- 6) A quotation from a priest/minister/rabbi opposing capital punishment.
- 7) Studies showing that it costs more to execute a person than to keep him or her in prison for life.
- 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.

- 9) Statement by a Ph.D. philosopher opposing the death penalty.
- 10) An account of a typical day in prison — a description of weight room, cafeteria, library, classroom.
- 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.
- 14) Statistics suggesting capital punishment is not a deterrent.
- 15) A quotation from a member of a murder victim's family saying that an execution will not bring the loved one back.
- 16) Graphic description of death in a gas chamber.
- 17) Facts showing that most countries have abolished capital punishment.
- 18) Graphic description of an execution by electrocution.