

Presentation/Activity Intro Speech

(Opening Remarks)

Welcome everyone.

Thank you for coming here this afternoon.

The activity I will ask you to do is construct an argument using this packet of cards.

The argument is the death penalty but that is not the focus of the task.

I am not asking you to argue your point of view or anyone else's on this.

I am asking you to consider re-representation and the use of rhetorical proof cards as an alternative method of organization in the writing process.

The paper will be for or against the penalty but I repeat this does not have to be anyone's particular point of view.

Try to organize the paper such that you are using one of the three methods:

- 1) Logic**
- 2) Ethos – appeal to values**
- 3) Pathos – appeal to emotion**

At this time I would like a representative from each group to come up to the desk and pick up the group's argument cards.

Please do not begin until I give the word to start.

(This is said when last representative is seated)

The person who picked up the cards for the group will now be responsible for calling off the data of the group argument at the end of the exercise.

You will have 20 minutes to complete this task.

(Check your time and start the task at the next even minute)

Okay, begin.

(Enter data from individual sheets while the groups work on the task)

(End Task and collect data)

Presentation Prompt Questions

The rhetorical cards allow one to explore different methods of organization and create different types of arguments by either re-organizing the cards or by adding and deleting information quickly.

The rhetorical cards also allow one to visually see the organization quickly in the paper.

70% of people are visual learners and seeing the organization of a long paper becomes difficult on a computer.

The rhetorical cards also allow one to experiment with different organizations.

- 1) Are there any advantages in using strongest evidence first and weakest evidence last?**
- 2) Are there any advantages in using the weakest evidence first and the strongest evidence last?**
- 3) Do you think using the cards is just an extra unnecessary step (disadvantage) in the writing process or does it have some merits (an advantage)?**

There will be a brief conclusion and I will thank my peers for their participation and their cooperation.