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Cursive Handwriting

Draw a picture to supplement your persuasive essay.

TEACHER NOTES

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Recommendations for Lesson:

Before presenting this persuasive writing prompt to students, you may choose to have a class discussion to present both sides of the issue.

Arguments in favor of teaching cursive in schools might include:

- Cursive handwriting looks more “grown-up.”
- Once learned properly, writing in cursive handwriting is usually faster than printing.
- Students should learn cursive so they can read cursive documents. Not being able to read cursive handwriting could put someone at a disadvantage in life.
- If people don't learn cursive, they won't be able to sign their name.

Arguments in against of teaching cursive in schools might include:

- Most people don't write in cursive any more.
- More and more things are typed, eliminating the need for cursive.
- There are many different version of cursive, which can make it confusing to read.
- Cursive handwriting is more difficult to read than printing for most people.
- Classroom time that is spent learning cursive could be better spent doing other things.

When writing their persuasive essays, students should be encouraged to include a topic sentence (or topic paragraph) stating their opinion, followed by persuasive details to support their point of view. Writers can also acknowledge the opinions of those who might have a different view, and follow up with an argument to make their case.