**Writing vs Typing Class Debate Procedures**

1. Stimulate the background to the topic – ie Read Article, Video clip, class or community concern discussion.

2. Identify the Pros of the both sides.

3. Have Students work in Pairs identifying the Pro (Positive) arguments for both typing and handwriting: 5 for each side. The teachers will divide the students in to two groups: Handwriting and Typing.

4. Students need to meet as Handwriting Team and Typing Team within 3 groups of 4 to combine ideas. Each group will need to prepare to present their best 3 arguments to present to the other two groups.

5. Once groups have heard ideas they want to choose their 6 best ideas and formulate written arguments for each working in pairs – eliminate duplicates.

6. Once they have their 6 best arguments they need to **break into roles**.

* **6 Presenters** – will present the teams best ideas individually within an organized written presentation (90 sec maximum)
* **6 Rebutlers -** will be designated to critique and present counter argument for opposition presentations.

7. **Organize room seating in two rows of 6 desks facing cente**r of classroom with presenters in front row and rebutlers in second row.

8. Debate begins with **Moderators directions** (teacher) emphasize the importance of listening –especially the rebutlers who need to be able to develop counter argument.

9. **handwriting side will present** their 6 supporting arguments **then the typing side** will Present their arguments

10 . Groups will retreat and formulate rebutle arguments again within pairs sharing ideas ( 5-10 minutes). Presenters will be informed they will need to represent their ideas to refresh ideas.

11. Both groups return but with Rebutlers in the front desks and Presenters in the back.

12. **Rebutle begins** with handwriting Presenters repeating their argument at which point Rebutler will respond. Each presenter and rebutler gets opportunity to respond to comments made.

13. Moderator will score a point for the winner of each presentation debate to be shared at the end.

14. Rebutle repeats with typing Presenters.

15. Moderator will announce results of each presentation and points leading to winner of the debate.

Links to help you get started on your research.

YouTube Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85bqT904VWA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pu0PSZ_EwII>

Websites:

<https://writingcooperative.com/your-first-book-handwriting-vs-typing-how-to-write-it-2a11464224db>

<https://lifehacker.com/the-benefits-of-writing-by-hand-versus-typing-1778758792>

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/texting-vs-writing-the-problem-with-instant-messag/>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/pen-and-paper-beats-computers-retaining-knowledge>