

Cursive Writing

The Basics

Directions: Read the following information and answer the questions.

A. Why learn cursive?

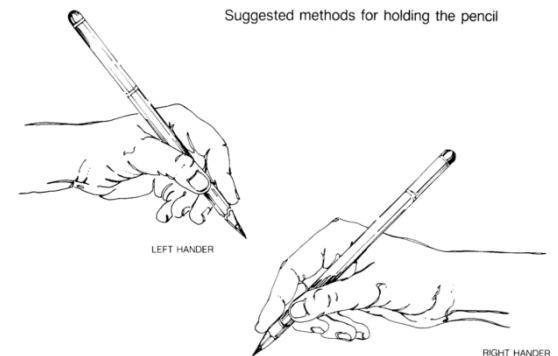
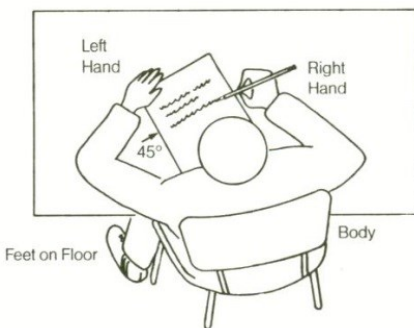
Fine-motor skills – How many hand movements do people make in a day, and how many involve delicate, finesse motions? Handwriting is training of mind and muscles. Think of it as ballet for fingers.

Handwriting is art – If students like art, then they should practice handwriting. Paintbrushes, colored pencils, and pastels all use the same dexterity as handwriting.

Another tool – Students will face competition in their future career, especially high-paying ones. A nice formal thank-you note or cursive sample on an application displays attention to detail – a tool other applicants may not possess.

B. History – Writing styles have changed over time, and modern cursive is best described as a descendant of italic. This style flourished at penmanship schools during the 1700's. Generally, cursive offers improved writing speed, with smoother flow and less lifting of the pen.

C. Posture & Grip



Questions:

1. What is the purpose of cursive writing? (3 cursive sentences)

2. Describe the ideal posture and grip. (3 cursive sentences)

3. What are three good occasions to use formal handwriting? (1 cursive sentence)

4. What likely occurs to handwriting with cramped arms and slouched posture? (2 cursive sentences)
