

Printing Format

The Basics

Directions: Read the following information and answer the questions.

A. Why learn formal printing?

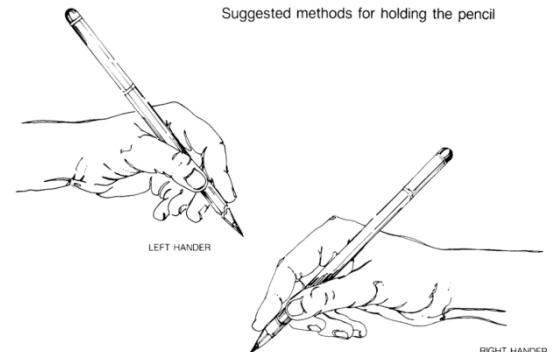
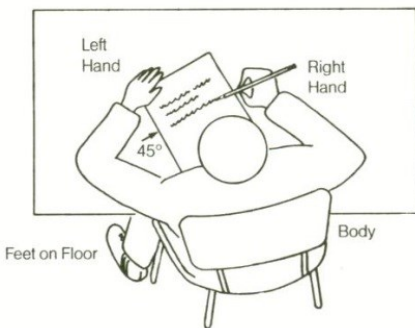
Fine-motor skills – How many hand movements do people make in a day, and how many involve delicate, finesse motions? Handwriting is training of mind and muscles. Think of it as ballet for fingers.

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 printing sample on an application displays attention to detail – a tool other applicants may not possess.

B. History – Handwriting, also called penmanship, descends from early Phoenician alphabets around 1000 B.C. The early Phoenicians were Mediterranean Sea traders who needed quick and simple written communication for business. Later, the ancient Greeks, Romans, and various European leaders modified the handwriting into the standardized script we use today.

C. Posture & Grip



Questions:

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

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

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

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