

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What is the difference between capital punishment and corporal punishment?
- 2) Do you agree with capital punishment?
- 3) What is the history of capital punishment in your country?
- 4) What does the government do about people wrongly executed?
- 5) Is the death penalty a deterrent to violent crime?
- 6) What different methods are there of applying the death penalty?
- 7) What do you think of the argument "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"?
- 8) Do you think victims' families get a sense of closure knowing a killer has been executed?
- 9) Should the death penalty be applied to mentally disabled people?
- 10) What do you think the executioner feels?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Do you think capital punishment is murder?
- 2) Which is worse, life imprisonment or the death penalty?
- 3) Why do many Christian countries have the death penalty when the Bible says, "Thou shalt not kill"?
- 4) What do you think is the most humane way to put someone to death?
- 5) Do you think the victim's family should be able to choose the method of execution?
- 6) If execution is unacceptable, what is the alternative?
- 7) Why does the "capital" mean in "capital punishment"?
- 8) Should the general public be allowed to look at executions?
- 9) In Britain, you can receive the death penalty for killing the Queen but not your neighbor. What do you think?
- 10) Do you think the death penalty can be applied to thieves?

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