

Classroom arrangement #2 - **desks facing walls**

advantages:

You can see every students' computer from one vantage point...a quick check to see what they are up to is always nice.

Students may be less distracted by what others are doing.

without focusing on each others' faces, sharing writing more anonymously can help create the community of writers quickly.

Socialization will be lower...unless they want to talk to the wall - and I have a few who will. ;)

disadvantages:

poor eye contact with teacher

Students have to turn around to see the teacher

students have to look at wall

Yea, but for some that is not a bad idea

Looking at the back of student's heads.

difficult for group discussion

classroom community is difficult to create when you can't interact with one another easily.

i think that if this is used for writing, it would be an advantage.