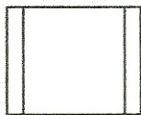


Organization



ORGANIZATION is the structure of writing. Just as a house has an entrance, an exit, hallways that connect, and a sensible layout, so too does a piece of good writing. Blueprints are drawn before a house is built; writing should be "blue-printed" too!

Blueprints:



- appropriate graphic organizer used to plan writing
- the order of the writing makes sense
- the most important ideas receive the most attention
- transitions sound natural

Beginning:



- hooks or grabs the reader
- an inviting lead
- effective topic sentence
- shows where writing is going

Middle:



- parts fit together smoothly
- subtopics or parts are clearly separated
- ideas connect
- contains the "heart" of the writing

End:



- might leave you thinking or wondering
- makes the writing feel complete
- leaves the reader feeling satisfied
- ties things together

Title:



- hints at the writing's big idea
- is catchy
- makes sense
- is memorable