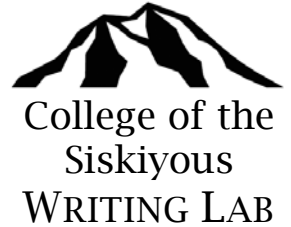


DRAFTING: STEP 2 IN THE WRITING PROCESS



INTRODUCTION: Drafting is the second step of the writing process. If you take all the steps of the process seriously, this step shouldn't be all that difficult. By putting adequate effort into prewriting, you should have a good idea of where your essay is headed.

During this step, the writer does the following:

- Organizes content into essay form
- Develops content using specific details
- States the thesis . . . and does so clearly

During this step, the writer does NOT:

- Worry about spelling, punctuation, or grammar

Handy tips:

- When writing your first draft, be prepared to add thoughts that did not occur during the prewriting process. Also, don't worry if you run into a tough spot. Just leave that space blank and add a note to "do later."
- AFTER you finish your first draft, set it aside for awhile before you begin revising. You'll be better able to see the problem areas if you give your smokin' hot draft some time to cool down.