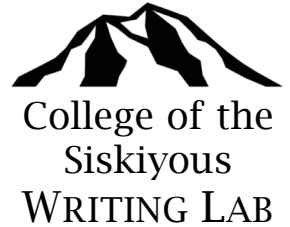


DRAFTING: STEP 2 IN THE WRITING PROCESS



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

During this step, you, the writer, will do the following:

- Organize content into essay form
- Develop content using specific details
- State the thesis and do so clearly

During this step, you do 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 do not 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 will be better able to see the problem areas if you give your draft some time to cool down.