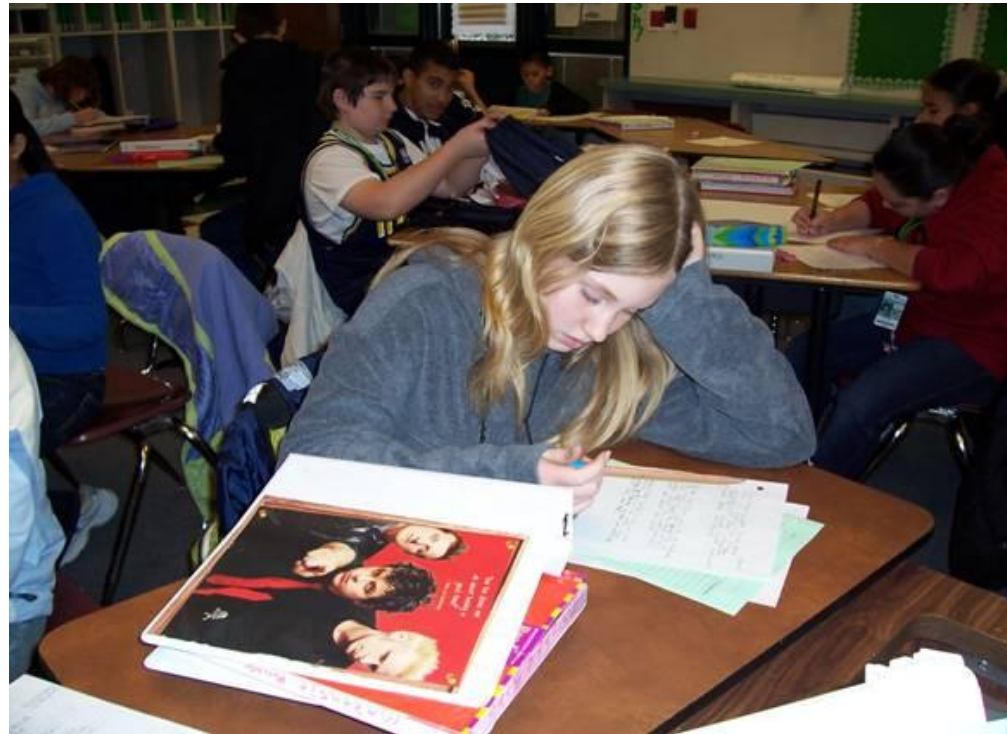


Layering vs. Listing



Layering Elaboration

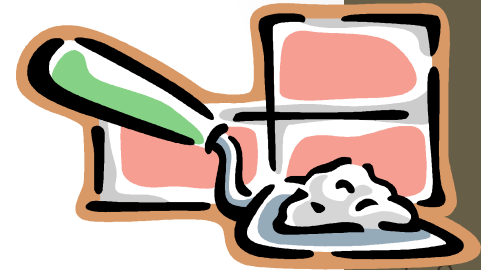
A thoughtful writer layers one sentence after another.

Each new sentence adds to or develops the thought like rings around a bull's-eye.



Layering Elaboration

Each idea is carefully stacked on the next like bricks in a wall



or rings on a tall tree.

Layering Elaboration

Every sentence and detail fits with the rest of the topic like a set of nesting dolls.



Layering vs. Listing

- You and a partner will receive an envelope with sentence strips in it.
- Take the yellow sentence strips out of the envelope and put them in the order you think they should be arranged.

Layering vs. Listing

- Now take the red sentence strips out of the envelope and put them in the order you think they should be arranged.

Listing

My bracelet is special to me. The bracelet means a lot to me because it gives me good memories of my friend. And because it is very special to me. It's special in another way. It gives me good luck. That's why my bracelet is special to me.

Layering

My bracelet is the object that means the most to me. It means a lot because my bracelet brings me good luck. It brought me luck on the first day I went to my new school. When I entered my classroom I saw a girl with a bracelet just like mine. Her name was Talli. Now we are best friends and we wear our bracelets wherever we go. When I wear it, I think of all of fun times Talli and I have had and it reminds me that I have a great friend.

Layering

- Read the following topic sentence.
- Together we will add sentences that develop the topic by layering.
- Remember that each sentence must build on the previous one.

The field trip was fantastic.

Layering

Read the following topic sentence. With a partner take turns adding sentences that develop the topic by layering.

Dessert is my favorite part of the meal.

Layering – *your turn*

Read the following topic sentence. Write a paragraph and practice adding sentences that develop the main idea by layering. The subject (in the “blank”) can be anything (rain, homework, my pet, commercials, etc.), but it can’t be a person.

_____ is very annoying.