



Writing Essentials - Prewriting Strategy

ELABORATION

Elaboration Strategies

Lesson 2, Student Activity 1

1. **Anecdotes** –a short personal narrative inserted into an essay that develops an idea or argument.

Example:

2. **Scenario** –hypothetical situation or event.

Example:

3. **Examples** –provide more specific information about an idea.

Example:

4. **Definition** –restate an unfamiliar word or phrase to tell what it means.

Example:

5. **Statistics and Facts** –the numbers (data) and information that help support your idea or argument.

Example:

6. **Quotation** –words someone says that can help support your idea or argument.

Example:

7. **Description** –a way to create vivid images for the reader. Show, not just tell, your reader. Be specific with your word choice. Try to create an image that appeals to your reader's senses.

Example:

8. **Dialogue** –conversation that moves along an event, develops characters, add description.

Example:

9. **Inference**-following a story or list of facts, the writer adds it all up and makes a comment. If this is all true, then I think this must be so.

Example: