



Organization by Paragraph

- Read your story aloud, taking turns, one paragraph at a time.
- Reread the first paragraph and the second paragraph. Determine why the second paragraph logically follows the first. Ask these questions:
 - Is the organization chronological? (Chronological stories often begin with a summary statement, followed by a chronological account of events.)
 - Does the story contain causes that precede effects (or vice versa)?
 - Is there an order of comparison and contrast?
 - Do the most important facts appear first, the next most important facts second, and so on?
 - Remember that organizational patterns may be mixed.
- Write down the reason for each paragraph's placement on the "Organization by Paragraph" graphic organizer.
- Read the next paragraph. Determine why it follows the preceding paragraph. Write down your reason on the graphic organizer.
- Continue this process until the story is complete.
- Share your work with the whole class.