

Cornell Note

Organizing Ideas in Writing

Today's Standard

7.W.2a - Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

Cues	Notes
Topic Introduction	Clear topic introduction sets the stage for the reader.
Organizational Strategies	Organize ideas using definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
Use of Graphics	Include headings, charts, tables, and multimedia to aid comprehension.
Common Misconceptions	Misconception: Organization is only for long essays. Reality: All writing benefits from clear organization.
	Misconception: Graphics are optional. Reality: Graphics enhance understanding.

Summary

Effective writing involves clear topic introduction, organized ideas, and the use of graphics and multimedia to aid comprehension.