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## Organize your facts and opinions.

Based on information provided in Chapter 8, answer the following questions.

- 1. Explain why telling a story in straight chronological order rarely works well in student publications.
- 2. The following quote ENDs a feature story. Which is the preferred way to handle attribution?
  - A. "It was the greatest experience of my life," Williamson said. "I'm already saving my money for another trip to India."
  - B. "It was the greatest experience of my life. I'm already saving my money for another trip to India," said Williamson.
- 3. Which statement is TRUE?
  - A. Place facts in transition sentences.
  - B. Begin a new paragraph with each line of a direct quote.
  - C. Never use a second person lead. Ever.
  - D. Generally, what is said is less important that who said it.
- 4. When is it acceptable to use "state" as you attribution verb?
- 5. When is it acceptable to use "according to" as your attribution verb?
- 6. When is it permissible to use a second person lead?
- 7. What is the difference between ending an inverted pyramid story and ending a feature story?
- 8. Which statement is TRUE?
  - A. Repeat facts from the transition to the direct quote.
  - B. Direct quotes should never be longer than three sentences.
  - C. Spell-check will catch virtually all errors, so proofing is unnecessary.
  - D. As a general rule, delete "that" unless it's essential.
- 9. From a feature story you find in a newspaper or magazine, highlight the transition sentences. Explain how the author has used different types of transition sentences to stitch the story together.