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Focus Trait: Voice

Mysteries at Cliff Palace
Writing: Informative Writing

A strong voice gives your writing personality and lets your reader know how you feel about your subject.

Ineffective Opening

Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park reminds visitors of the past.

Opening with Strong Voice

No one knows where the Native Americans who lived in Cliff Palace went, but visitors can almost hear the voices of ancient warriors when visiting Mesa Verde National Park.

Read each paragraph opening. Revise the opening, adding details to give a stronger voice.

Ineffective Opening

1. You might not know how the alcoves of the Cliff Palace were formed.

Opening with Strong Voice

2. We don't know what happened in the kivas.

3. A drought may have caused problems at the Cliff Palace.