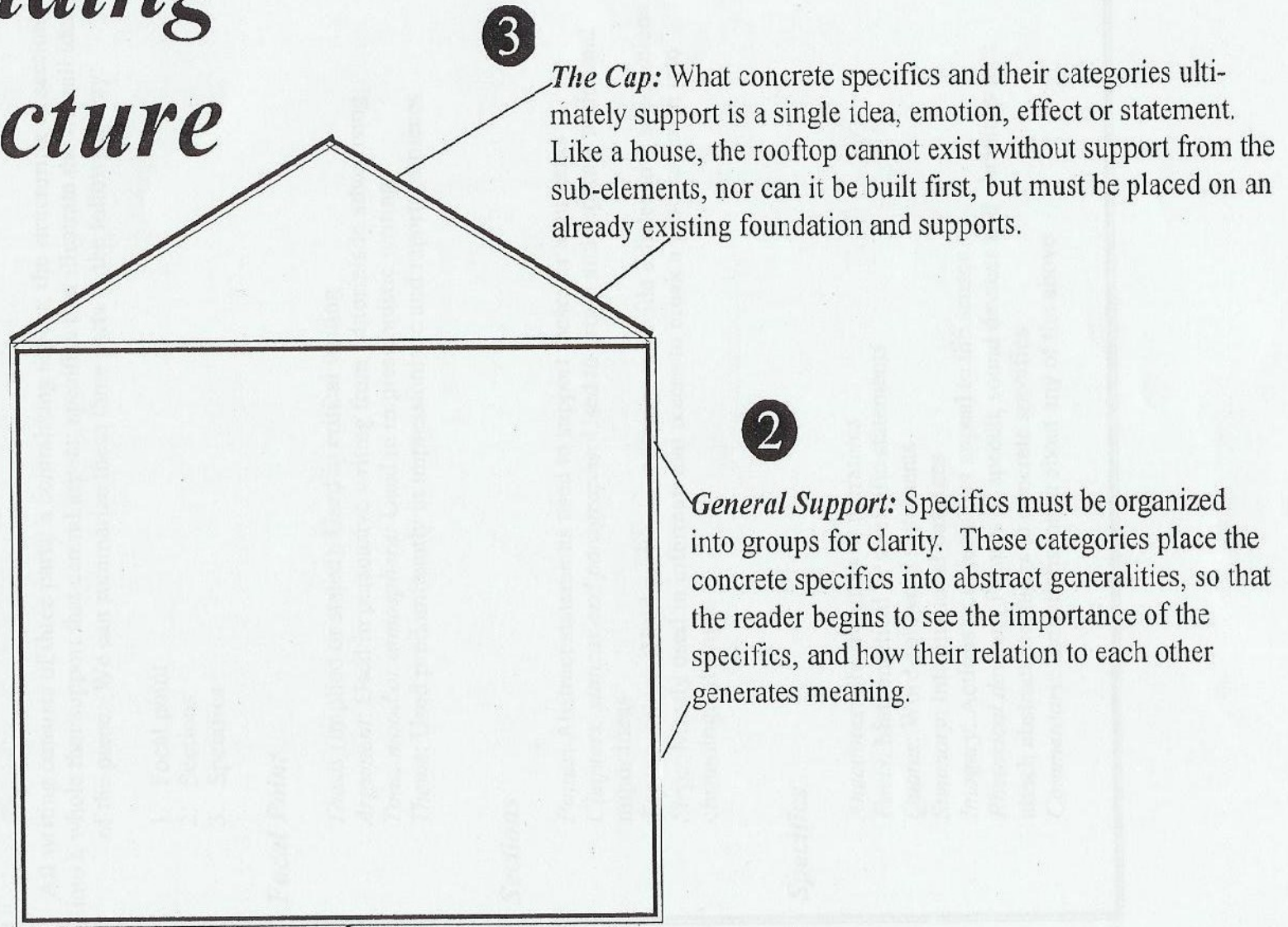


Building Structure



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The Cap: What concrete specifics and their categories ultimately support is a single idea, emotion, effect or statement. Like a house, the rooftop cannot exist without support from the sub-elements, nor can it be built first, but must be placed on an already existing foundation and supports.

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General Support: Specifics must be organized into groups for clarity. These categories place the concrete specifics into abstract generalities, so that the reader begins to see the importance of the specifics, and how their relation to each other generates meaning.

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The Foundation: Specifics--from quotes to facts, descriptive details and summary information--are the bases of well-structured writing. Without these concrete basics, writing has nothing to stand on.