Preparing for Week 06

Week 06 will be devoted to the intertwined notions of thematic progression and paragraph structure.

We will begin by looking at Text A, so you might like to dig up your copy of it or download it again here:

http://www.spence.saar.de/courses/writtenexpression/unit06_20251/B__Handout/03_text_A_to_work_on.pdf

First, make sure you understand the text.

- What happened in 1688?
- Who was George I?
- Who was Lord Grey? (You probably know him as Earl Grey, as in the tea.)
- What does *petrifaction* mean?
- Who was the female sovereign referred to on line 12? (Hint: she came to the throne about three years after Grey retired.)
- What does *pertinacious* mean?
- What does *quiescent* mean?
- What does *predominant* mean?
- Who was the Consort who died (line 17)?
- What is a *tremor*?

Next, examine each clause in the text and identify what comes before the verb. We will look at this again in more detail during the class, but for the time being it would be good if you at least knew where all the verbs are in the text, and what comes before them.

Finally, if you have time before the lesson, do this exercise on 'unscrambling' a piece of text:

http://www.spence.saar.de/courses/writtenexpression/unit06_20251/B__Handout/01_unscrambling_thematic_progression.pdf

If you don't have time now, you can do it as part of the lesson if you're working online, by pausing the screen recording before the discussion of the unscrambling exercise starts.