

## Advanced Brush Strokes

### 1. Absolutes with an "ed" or "en" Participle

Milt turned around and looked at the big, clumsy man, his shirt stuffed into his trousers and held there by a rope belt. --- Louis L'Amour

In the basement, he had found an old wheelchair, covered with dust and cobwebs. --- Sharon M. Draper

### 2. Subordinate Conjunctions

The hawk hit only a few rods from where I was standing in the clover. Just the yonder side of a juniper bush where the clover wasn't nearby at all, and where it once had been open meadowland for pasture. --- Robert Newton Peck

### 3. Infinitive Strokes

To be ignorant is to be poor. --- Earl Nightingale

### 4. Verb Chain

He made more friends, had more fun, fooled more people, presided over more sustained prosperity, incurred more debt, controlled more nuclear missiles, encouraged more individual freedom at home and abroad, and escaped responsibility for more scandals than any president in the history of the Republic. --- James Reston

### 5. Relative Pronouns

He went through the Bible book by book and sinner by sinner. He prayed in the name of Adam, who had sinned and fallen short of grace; of Moses, who had lost the Promised Land; of David, who had looked with desire on another man's wife. --- Madeleine L'Engle