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Amazon Prime Video Snowden

OTT over the top.

a squat grey building

a prominent person  
imposing building teeth

not noticeable

florid = colourful; ornate

Zealous adj. zeal n.

to take pains to do a task  
painstaking

to flag (if energy or speed) = to diminish

to dwell on details = to spend a lot of time on finer points

to dwell = live a dwelling = a place to live

to dumb down = to make something too easy.

a whetstone is used to sharpen knives

to whet your appetite = make you want to eat, drink or do sth.

A florid complexion  
style of writing or painting or architecture

a cracking good .... (colloquial) = really good.

a good crack = great fun  
/kræk/

to distil

a still

to leak confidential information.

USA UK  
FBI MI5  
CIA MI6

clergy / laity → a layperson (metaphor) a non-expert, non-specialist

grainy photos = not well-defined

that once graced this area =  
that were once in this locality.

[silver film uses grains of the compound;  
these vary in clarity.]