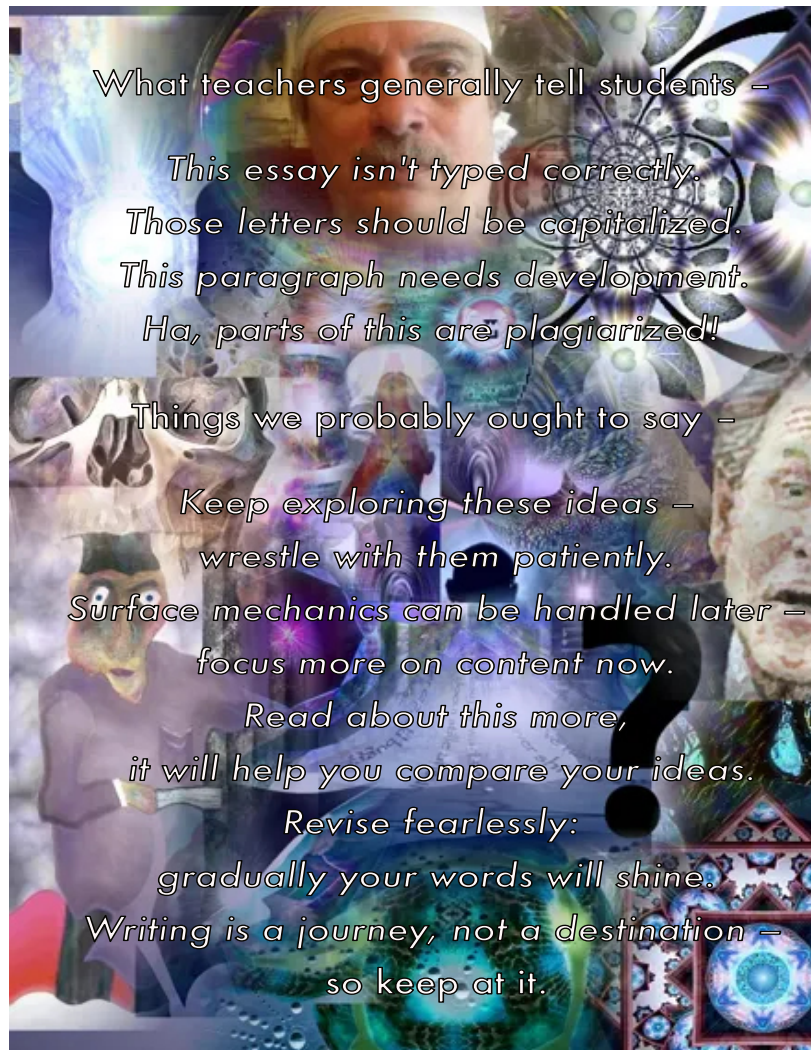


TEACHER TALK:

A Meta-Analysis of Some Instructor Comments



Tim : (stammering ineptly) Can teachers say anything meaningful to most students?

Liao : Probably not. Most of the time students aren't even listening. Besides, repeating the same stuff over and over gets frustrating.

Satoru : I suspect most folks don't want to hear the truth about their writing. If we were fully honest, I'm afraid most people would stop writing entirely since over 95% of our words are essentially trash.

Melissa : (harshly) Be careful about comments like that. It's arrogant for any person to claim to know what is "the Truth" or "merely trash." All interpretations are highly subjective.

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