Most interesting ideas about writing:

-language structure/vocabulary/grammar

-nouns, adjectives, adverbs, etc.

-the adverb is not your friend

-own personal wants/needs--personalize

-formation of the paragraph/organization

-length of writing

-avoid the passive voice

Stephen King:

-uses metaphors to draw you in, but is very direct

-begins with a narrative

-elements of style: direct, conversational

-emphasizes being comfortable with your own skills and what you have

Active vs. Passive Voice:

-Active: I’m writing a story.

-Passive: This brilliant story is being written by me.

Dialogue Technique:

-avoid over-writing

-avoid using language to emphasize

-avoid using language you do not know/understand

-do not attempt to expand vocabulary

Paragraphs:

-maintains focus throughout story

-topic sentence followed by explanatory sentences

-no extraneous language

-utilitarian—specific purpose