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