

Letter: 5/24/11

Hello,

I am writing this letter in order to post something. I have failed to mail in anything new for two weeks. It is frustrating for me because I am spending large amounts of time creating material. I am unsatisfied with everything I have produced recently. I need more time to complete a body of work worthy of your attention.

I feel defeated because of my lack of skill. It seems to me that my writing is getting worse. The harder I try to improve the more dissatisfied I become. I am in desperate need of proper instruction. I am doing my best to learn on my own but it falls short of meeting my need.

College courses in writing are beyond my reach. However, I am using the resources available to me. I have a couple of books that I am studying. The first one is the Harbrace College Handbook tenth edition by John C. Hodges and Mary E. Whitten. The second one is The Elements of Style fourth edition by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White. The volumes are comprehensive but hard for me to absorb. I also seek out the help of the better educated inmates around me.

I hope to show improvement over time. The environment I am in hinders my progress but it will not stop me. I have other areas of growth that have been retarded by the restraints placed upon me. I continue to push forward in spite of all the obstacles.

Now, it is time for me to play my guitar so I will say goodbye.

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