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“One day I will find the right words, and they will be simple.” ― Jack Kerouac. The ability to write well is of great importance. An article written by Timothy Clark stresses this. He also talks about the flaws of the American system, which is lacking in its teaching of composition. I agree with this viewpoint quite strongly because it is absolutely true. This agreement is based on Timothy Clark’s subject and argument.

The subject of this article is that writing well is closely tied to learning. Clark states that “writing well is a part of leading well”. This quotation helps to show Clark’s intent to portray that everything in life is impacted by the ability to write, especially leading, which is key to success. Clark believes that the people of the world have become lazy towards this, which is why he states “a 28 hour a week TV watcher is too busy to learn to write well. He also criticizes the American learning system by saying “Our public school system is engaged in a long term retreat from English Composition. The standard curriculum requires less writing than it used to.” Clark believes that the process of learning to write cannot be cheated. Learning how to write is a difficult and detailed process that must be taught with upmost importance. This position is very reasonable and logical.

I agree with the author’s point and argument. Mainly I agree because I feel as well that writing well is no longer cherished as well as it used to be, how nowadays texting with letters and emojis qualify as writing. I am also struck with the feeling that writing is very important to be taught to students. During my time enrolled in high school I have written countless compositions and I feel that they have made quite a positive impact on myself as a writer and as a person. Because of this, I strongly agree with Mr. Timothy Clark’s argument stated in the article.

In conclusion, Clark states that writing is extremely important, and that it should be taught much better than the state of decline it is currently in. I agree with the author of the article because I have had experiences in high school that support this argument. Writing is a very powerful weapon in the world.