Dear Tom,

I do like to write, but not composition writing. I enjoy writing C, C++, C#, Perl, and OpenGL - computer languages. These languages have a clearly defined syntax and are black and white. When I try to compile my code it either works the way that I expected it to or it doesn't. Composition though is left up to the reader when deciding whether it is done correctly or not. This frustrates me because I like to find rules that work all the time and do not have a lot of exceptions. I also have a problem finding the creativity for something that I do not enjoy. When programming, however, I am writing something that I can interact with and being a tactile person it fulfills that void.

During high school I would receive A's and B's on papers, however in college I could not achieve the same results. The topics were very open ended and being interested in computers I would lean towards those types of topics. This would cause problems for me though because we would have to look for and write papers on visual rhetoric. When I previously enrolled in this course and I could not find a topic that provided a large number of resources. I tend to get very frustrated in the beginning for this reason and do not enjoy writing. Nonetheless, I do enjoy writing when I know what I'm writing about and what the topic is.

Currently most of my writing is done in writing emails, code, and documentation for that code. I would really like to improve in my vocabulary and formality when writing. I would like to stop making lists out of sentences and saying 'I would like....'.

Best,
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