My Critical Response

Anne Lamott’s Shitty First Drafts thesis is that almost every writing starts with terrible first drafts but you should write them anyway. She directly stated her thesis in her essay. Lamott supported her thesis with an example of her writing process when she was writing for the California magazine. She said she would write a first draft that may have been twice as long as it should have been the first day. She would later go back the next day and go through it with a colored pen to take out everything she could to find a new lead. Then she would write a second draft. After that she would go over it one more time and mail it in. I agree with Anne Lamott essay. I do believe that you should write a first draft. First drafts help you get ideas down. Once you have an idea down, then you can fix it up to how you want it. Every paper that I have to write I always write a first draft. I have to see what I am thinking on paper and then I go over it to fix it up how I like it.

Mortimer Adler’s How To Mark A Book thesis is that you should mark your book up while reading. He believes that when you mark your book you comprehend what you are reading more. He directly stated his thesis. To support his thesis, he gave the example of President Hutchins the president of the University of Chicago. President Hutchins reads with a pencil and when he reads in the evenings he puts the book down when he starts to draw caviar factories instead of making intelligent notes. That’s when he knows he’s too tired to read and he’s just wasting time. I can relate to that example a little because there was a lot of times I was reading but I wasn’t really paying attention to what I was reading. Maybe if I was writing notes I would have known that I was no longer paying attention to what I was reading. I understand why he thinks you should write while reading. I do think writing helps you understand the book better. I
don’t do it while I’m reading but I do it when I’m trying to study for something. I write things out so it can process in my brain. I feel like I comprehend it better when I write it out.

Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451 film thesis is that things that you love should be things that you do and things that you do should be things that you love. He directly stated his thesis in the film. To support his thesis, he gave many examples of how he does things that he loves. Starting as a young boy he enjoyed reading books. One of the books he liked was the Christmas Carol. He always went to the library to find different books there. He felt that when you read, it should be an experience. He would then use those books to give him ideas for his writings. These examples show that he loves to read because he describes them in such details and excitement. I do believe that you should do things that you love. When you do things that you love you have much more fun doing them. You won’t complain about doing it because you love doing it and that’s when you create some of your best work because it’s something that you love to do.