Thoughts on Writing

Okay so we got a paper due next week. We need to prewrite! What was the paper about again? Our writing process? But wait, how am I supposed to prewrite about writing! Let’s see.

Introduction. What should I start with? Maybe that paragraph about the musical instrument, that was pretty good. Okay, now what? What’s important about my writing process? Well I can never start a paper without making an outline. Maybe we can talk about that but what else? We wrote that paragraph about the quote from Frasier. I talked about my writing process in there could that work? Alright I got a general idea about what I’m going to write but how can I connect it all? Maybe I should write the paper first and see how it looks. Okay then let’s get started...

Writing is like learning a new instrument. Writing is like learning to play, well i don't play any instruments so let's see, an ukulele. No I don’t actually know how to play an Ukulele. You learn a few notes and are satisfied with your progress. Then you have to put it together to make a song. You might make some mistakes but you'll still get an end product. You might be better at certain part of the song but you can manage the rest. The first time you play might not be good but with practice and hard work you'll get better. In writing, you might get a few good ideas together and get satisfied with your work. But then it's time to put it together in an essay. The first draft might be complete trash but with more work and practice writing will become easier and beautiful much like your song.

The main part of my writing process is making an outline. I can't start writing any paper without planning what each paragraph is going to be about. I typically use the basic number outline. For the introduction I make a hook sentence, a summary of the background of the topic,
In the show Frasier, Frasier said, "We cannot be intimidated by the tyranny of the blank page." This quote speaks a lot to me because in past school, I was taught to write in order. You had to start with the introduction and end with the conclusion. However, when I started my EDU class here at Spalding my teacher, Dr. Foster, taught us to begin writing with the paragraph you feel most confident about. Start with the paragraph you have the most information for. Using this method changed my way of writing. I feel like my writing has evolved tremendously. I use to get caught on making the hook but now I let my creative juices flow and write whatever comes to mind. It makes it easier to write the whole paper and helps avoid writer's block.

I thought writing this paper would be more difficult than it was. I imagined it to be hard to write about writing but it's probably the easiest thing I've ever written about.