

Student #5: SL

Always believe in self because no one else will. If a person believe in self, and keep a positive attitude everything will be alright. Believing in self; will help set high hopes and help a person to stay focus in life. When a person believe and trust themselves it don't matter what others say and do to them they will see suces through life.

***This paragraph contains many glaring errors, and the temptation would be to mark each one and try to explain each problem. However, the plethora of grammatical and mechanical issues covers a larger problem: a rhetorical problem. The writer is repeating one thought throughout without any supporting detail or examples. Rather than waste time and create frustration trying to repair sentences or a paragraph that is basically flawed, the better suggestion would be to help the student write another more focused paragraph (I call this putting "meat in the sandwich"). Once the writer has something worthy of editing, then spend time polishing the grammar.***