Student mistakes with dialogue, colons and deadwood (and others)

1. My mother started to look at me as she said, “Why don’t you….
2. Immediately my mind went crazy ~~thinking of all my fears~~. It was as if my mind ~~like it~~ took a ride on the Hellevator. (or “crazy… like taking a ride on the hellevator”
3. However, my attention is ripped away ~~from this scene~~ when one of my friends say, “I took it to the Apple store to figure out….
4. She scowls: “Your section on the…..
5. Satisfied with the amount of positive feedback, I clicked that refresh button for any new updates: nothing.
6. The blind sense of freedom and safety coursed through my veins as I ran through my aunt and uncle’s back yard: pure bliss.
7. She turns ~~around~~ and ~~goes back into~~ returns to her room, shutting the door ~~behind her~~.
8. This ~~truly~~ did not seem fair: “But I finished my work, and……”
9. “What are we going to do mom?” my brother asks.
10. Summer is almost here: the days have gotten longer, the temperature is rising, ~~inching up the thermostat~~, and bike racing season is here.
11. As ~~the~~ night ~~comes around the corner~~ arrives, our family sits around the camp fire ~~roasting marshmallows then~~ making s’mores.
12. Running ~~the whole way~~ back to the entrance where I could take a moment to myself and debrief the events ~~of what just happened~~, I could sense ~~that~~ I was going to get comments from my friends.
13. That is why I decided to continue with soccer. I loved to play ~~soccer~~ the sport. I’ve played ~~soccer~~ for thirteen years and I did not want to give it up.
14. It was a soothing hour because I wasn’t thinking about homework at all ~~for the hour~~.

**Make this sentence more concise:**

1. I thought that the irony of how the atomic bomb almost destroyed everything and everyone including the humans, but the technological house was still left standing and untouched was very intriguing because the house was built with hundreds of technological gadgets to help humans and yet the humans were destroyed by the atomic bomb, which is also technology.