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# GREAT WRITING

**Background:** You've known about this assignment for three weeks. You've turned in your outline and bibliography, and tomorrow the first draft is due and you haven't written a word. It's getting late and as you stare at your computer you find yourself going online to look at other references about your topic. Wow, you didn't see this before—there on your search screen are several student papers written about your topic. You open one and read it and then another. There is some great writing here. Maybe you could copy a few lines just to help your writing get started.

**The Actors:** You

**Stop!** Are my emotions in control? Do I have a dilemma? (Describe the problem.)

**Think!**

What are my choices?	What character traits would be demonstrated?	How does the Golden Rule apply?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**Act!** What character traits do I choose to demonstrate? What choice will I make?

What supporting character traits or skills will I need to act on my choice? Do I need to ask for help?