

# the radical write

## teacher's manual

chapter 5  
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### How well did you understand the main points?

Please answer  
the following  
questions.

1. Explain the difference between the angle and the lead.
2. The angle is a multi-layered process that begins when the reporter asks a number of questions. List four of these questions.
3. Finding the angle is a process of elimination. How does the author suggest you find an interesting angle?
4. Why is important for the story lead to be accurate, honest, interesting?
5. List 10 questions to ask to help find your lead.
6. The author writes, "Avoid generalities." List four words that, he says, provide little or no real information.
7. Find a story in a local daily newspaper or magazine. Explain how you would localize it for your student publication.
8. List four errors the writer of the following piece committed.

*Have you ever been to Europe? Well, the choir went to Europe this summer. And they said they had a great time.*

*"London was beautiful," Anne Thomas, senior, said. "It contains many great museums and libraries. We had a wonderful time."*

*The family also visited Paris, Amsterdam and Vienna as well, all of which are fabulous cities, steeped in history. One can hardly consider oneself a cultivated person until he or she has stood in front of the Mona Lisa or visited the Van Gogh museum in the city of Amsterdam.*

*"I've never been to Europe, but I hope to go one day," an unnamed choir member said.*

*Amongst the members of the choir who went to Europe are Chris Grewe, Sydney McNeil, Mark Salinas, Hector Yzaguirre, Maggie Fuchs and Anne Thomas.*

*"My favorite city was Paris," Salinas said. "The Eiffel Tower is there, and it's awesome."*

*So, next time you see a member of the choir, stop them and ask them about their trip. Don't be surprised if they answer in song.*