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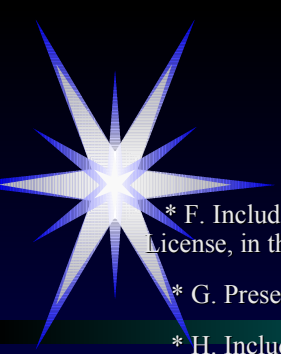
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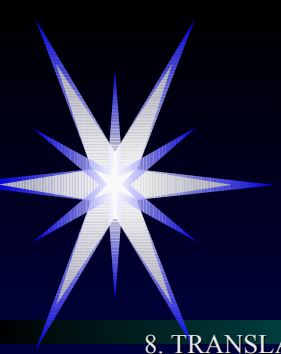
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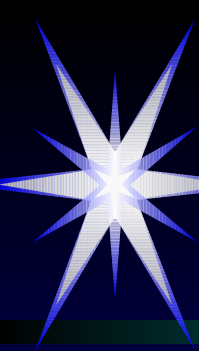
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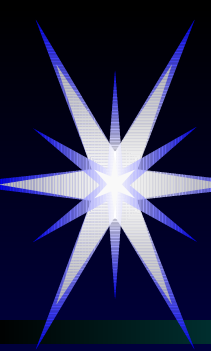
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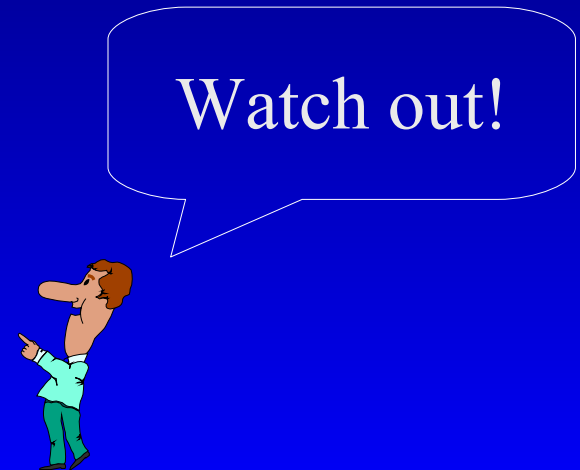
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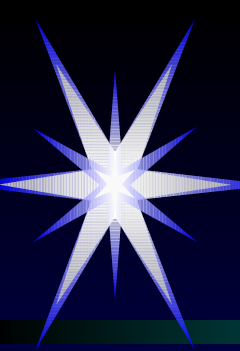
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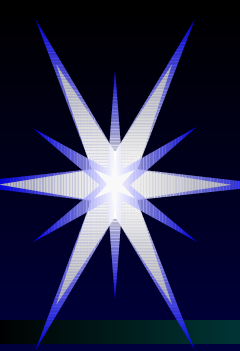




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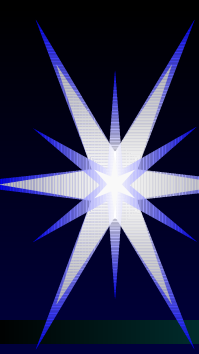
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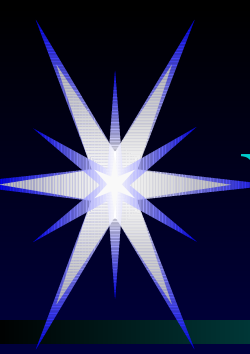
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V. Researching Your Topic

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VI. Writing Your Proposal

- ▶ Expect rewrites
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 - ▶ Your thesis
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VII. Doing It

- ▶ Persevere
- ▶ Value of the edge
- ▶ Be realistic

