Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of his dream that all people would one day be judged by the content of their character. He offered his vision for the country and its future, not a personal goal to achieve fame or fortune.

Schools and school systems recommend studying character traits, such as the following: cooperation, courage, fairness and justice, good judgment, hard work, honesty, respect, responsibility, self-discipline and trustworthiness.

Choose someone from any section of the newspaper who demonstrates strong character. Be sure to select someone whose work helps others and/or improves the community. Write his/her name in the center and four traits that he/she demonstrates in the outside boxes. While reading, highlight or write down words and actions that support your choice of traits.

SHARE anyone in the news who demonstrates strong character. Explain why you chose the person.