

**“Composition is
a discipline; it
forces us to think.**

If you want to ‘get in touch with your feelings,’ fine — talk to yourself; we all do.

**But, if you want to communicate
with another thinking human being,
get in touch with your thoughts.**

Put them in order; give them a purpose;
use them to persuade, to instruct, to discover,
to seduce. The secret way to do this is to

**write it down and
then cut out the
confusing parts.”**

– William Safire

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