

### A Doctor's Dilemma

1. At the conclusion of the memoir, Dillard writes: "Despite my oath, I know what I would do on that cold roadside near Gettysburg today. I would drive on." Explain whether or not you agree with the doctor's decision to "drive on" in the future. Support your response with reference to the text.

5 marks

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I agree with the doctor's choice. ✓  
The doctor risked his career by helping this person who was drinking and driving. His career clearly means ~~a lot~~<sup>a lot</sup> to him because he states "I had just destroyed my career. I would never be able to finish my residency with a massive lawsuit pending. My life was over." He clearly thinks his life would be over if he couldn't pursue his medical school. The person he saved was also driving irresponsibly because he was drunk. "The stench of alcohol turned my stomach." So if the doctor would have tried to save him and failed, he would lose his career over a drunk driver. ✓  
This is important because you can't always do the right thing if it's a danger to you. ✓

Intro quotes