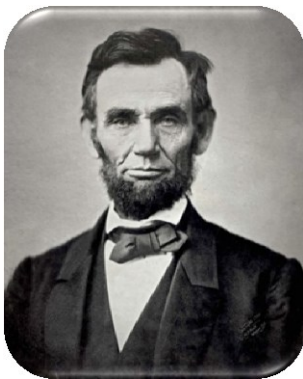


## Presidents' Day

### *Non-Fiction Writing*

- **Realism**, or non-fiction, is less about imagination and more about information, people, or facts.
- It can still be creative or have opinions – just stay on the realistic side.
- Examples: history, biographies, places, events, or reports.



**Essay #1:** Why is this good advice for life? (8-12 sentences)

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

– Abraham Lincoln

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**Essay #2:** As president **Ulysses Grant** got a \$20 speeding ticket in Washington, DC for driving his carriage too fast. The officer was reluctant to write the ticket when he saw it was the president. President Grant insisted he be given a ticket because no citizen is above the law. Do presidents or important people deserve special privileges, or was President Grant right? (12-16 sentences)

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**Essay #3:** President **Chester Arthur** owned 80 pairs of pants, and would take night strolls around Washington, DC, often returning around 3 a.m. President Arthur had an interesting routine, but on the serious side, what are three things a president needs to be successful? (16-20 sentences)

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**Essay #4:** President **Benjamin Harrison** refused to turn on White House light switches for fear of electrocution by the new technology. It sounds funny now, but why do you think President Harrison was so cautious? (10-14 sentences)

