

Leonardo Da Vinci Art School
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My dear Miss Tarbell: -

I am working on a figure of Abraham Lincoln
Here at the School.

There is a contest going on in the sculpture
class on some aspect of Lincoln's life and
I have tried to show him as being a
simple - kind - and warm sort of person.
I'm trying to show him as one of the
people, without pretensions and I
have him standing, smoking a
pipe and holding it.

Please do not think this as an
irreverance - I am only trying to show
him as being very humane.

I would like to know if it is
historically correct, that Abraham Lincoln
smoked a pipe.

If he didn't I would have to
discard the idea. Would you write me
just a line in care of the school.

Please excuse any inconvenience
and thank you for your help in
this matter

Yours truly
George Spaventa