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# Letter: George Spaventa to Ida M. Tarbell

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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