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"Commitment
is what
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into reality."

A. Lincoln



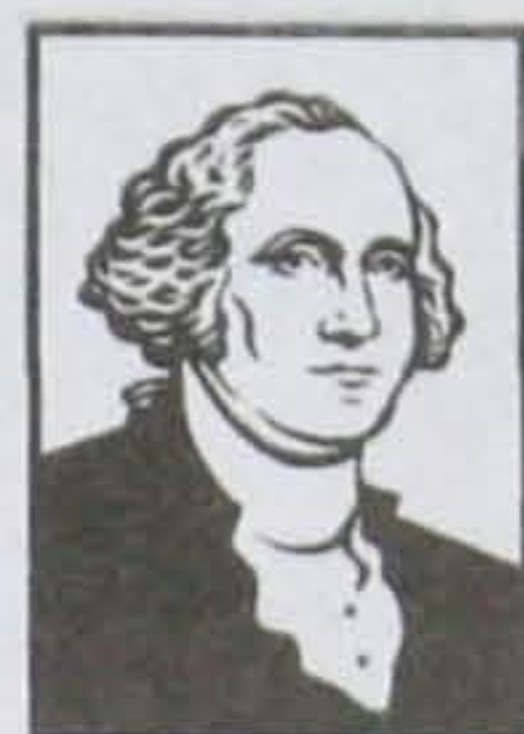


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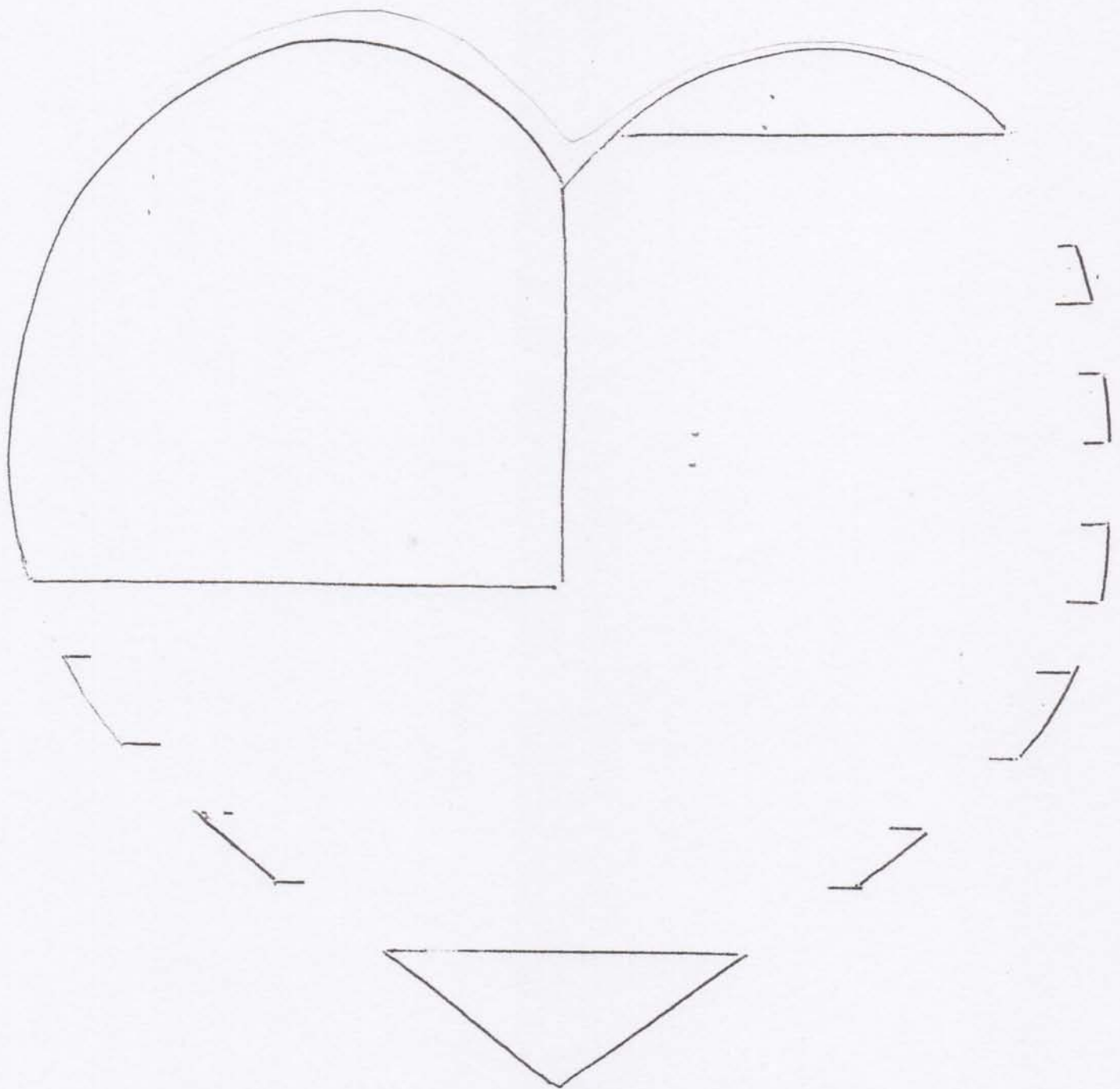


*"Associate with men of good quality
if you esteem your own reputation;
for it is better to be alone than in bad company."*

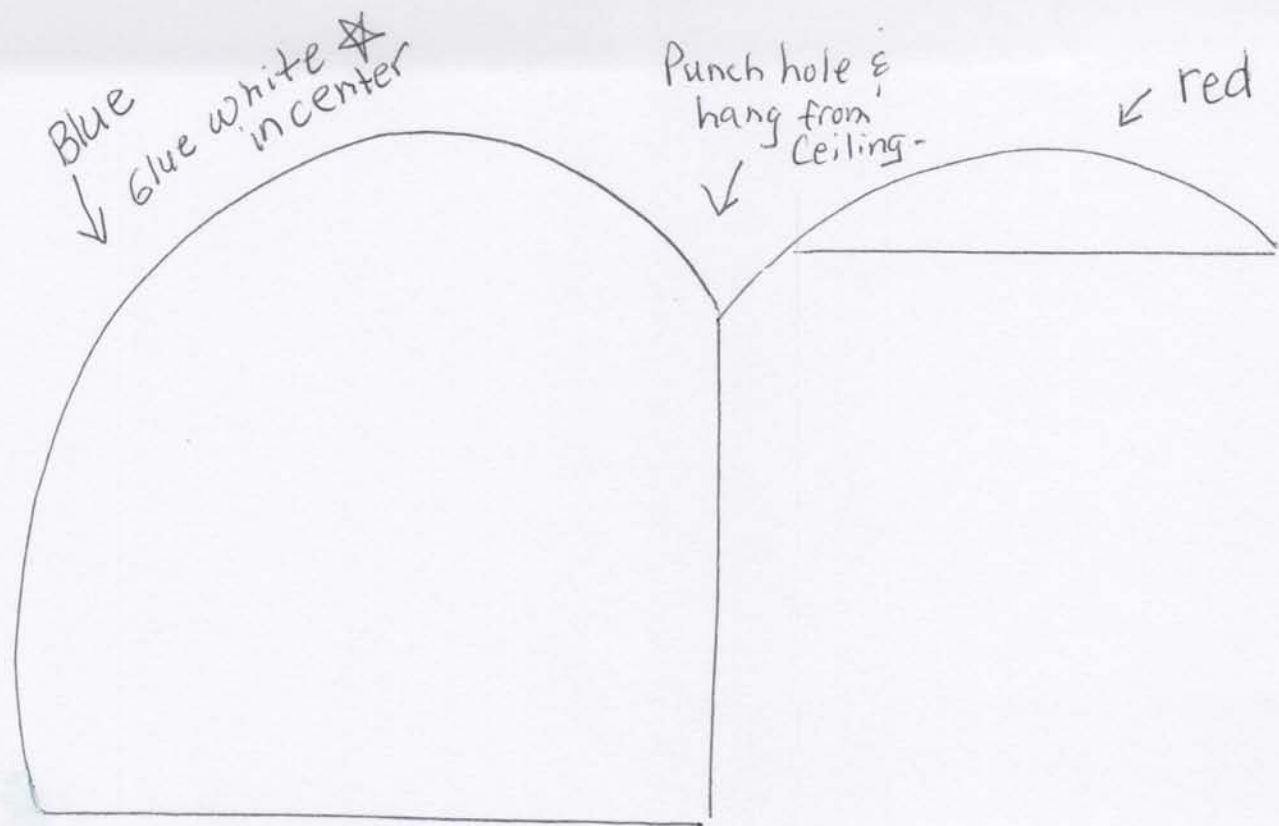




I like President Lincoln better than
President Washington because
he freed the slaves and
brought our country through the
Civil War.



Puzzle Template



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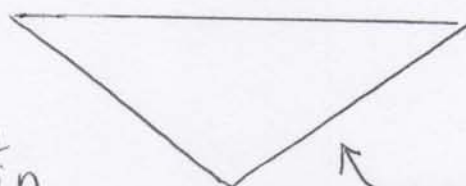
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Butt red strips to edge.

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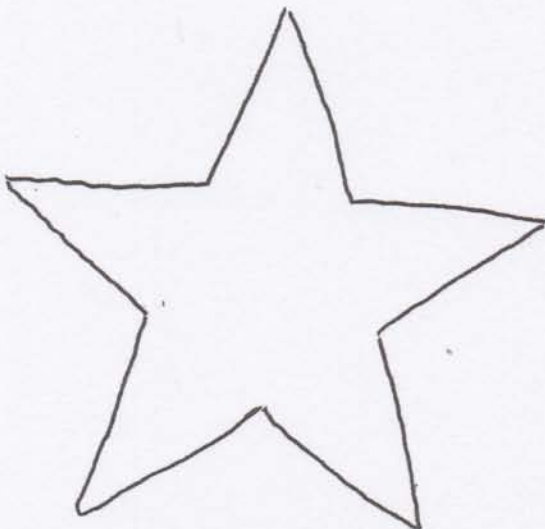
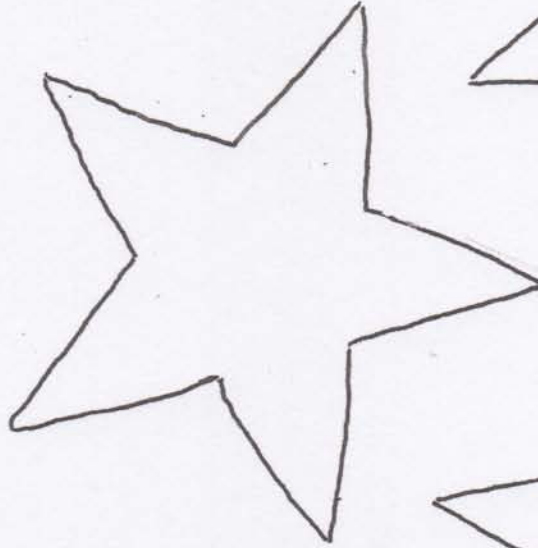
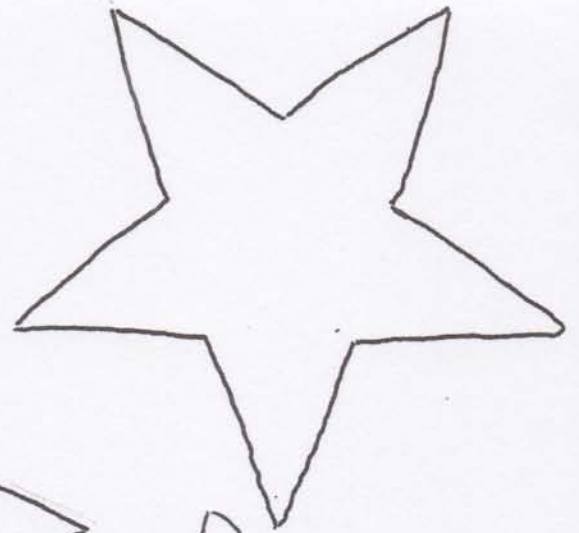
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If you want, glue student photo in middle of star.

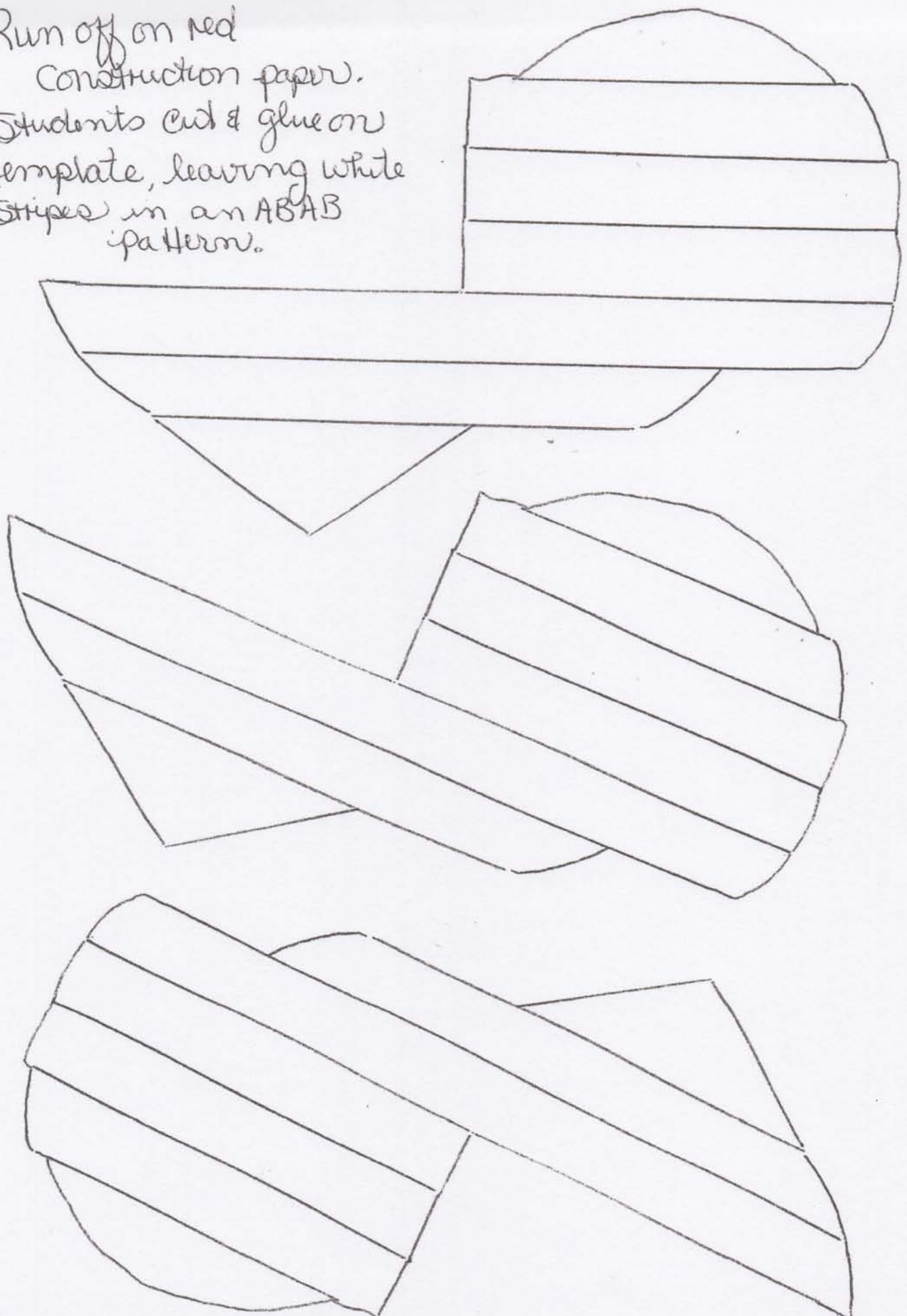
Run off on white construction paper or cardstock. When puzzle pcs. are glued on, have students cut out.

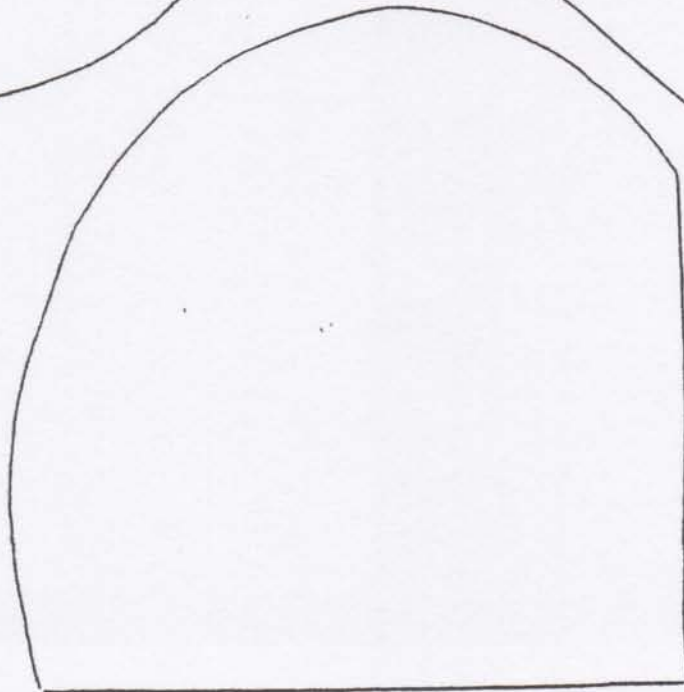
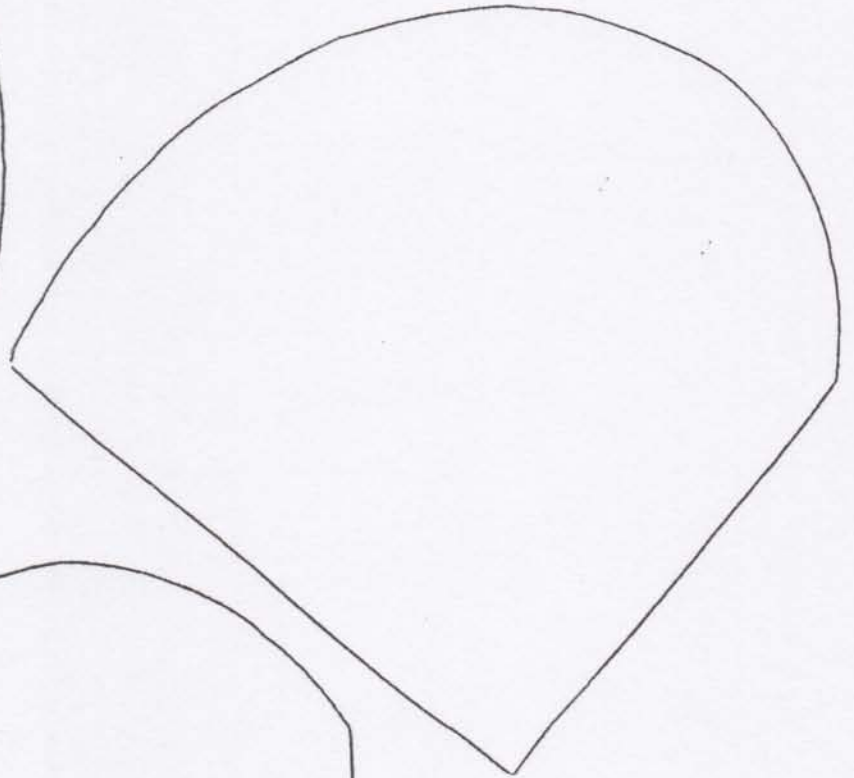
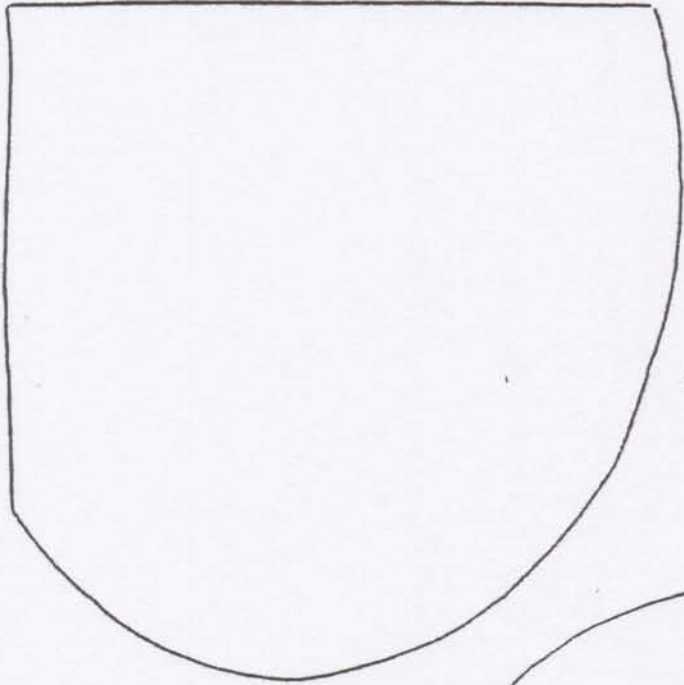
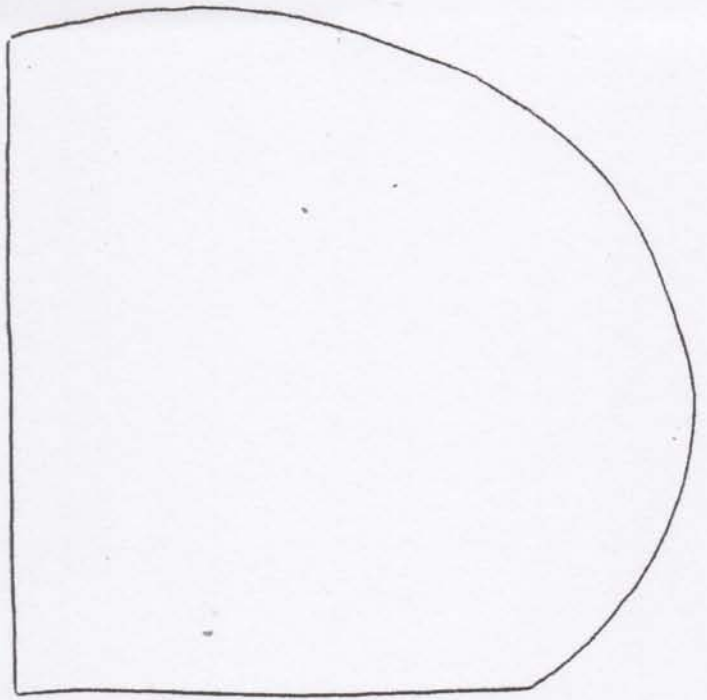
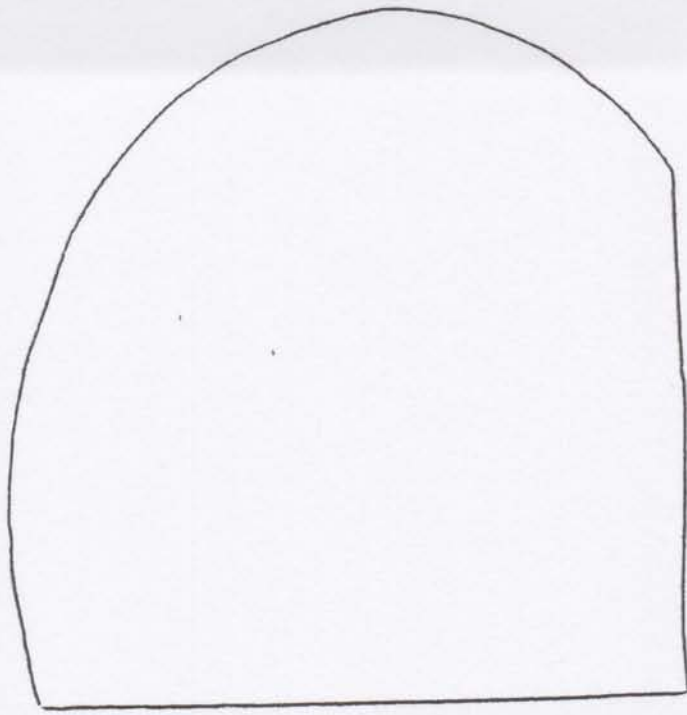
Students can write 'Happy Presidents' Day' or 'Proud to be an American' on the back.



White
Construction
Paper

Run off on red
construction paper.
Students cut & glue on
template, leaving white
stripes in an ABAB
pattern.

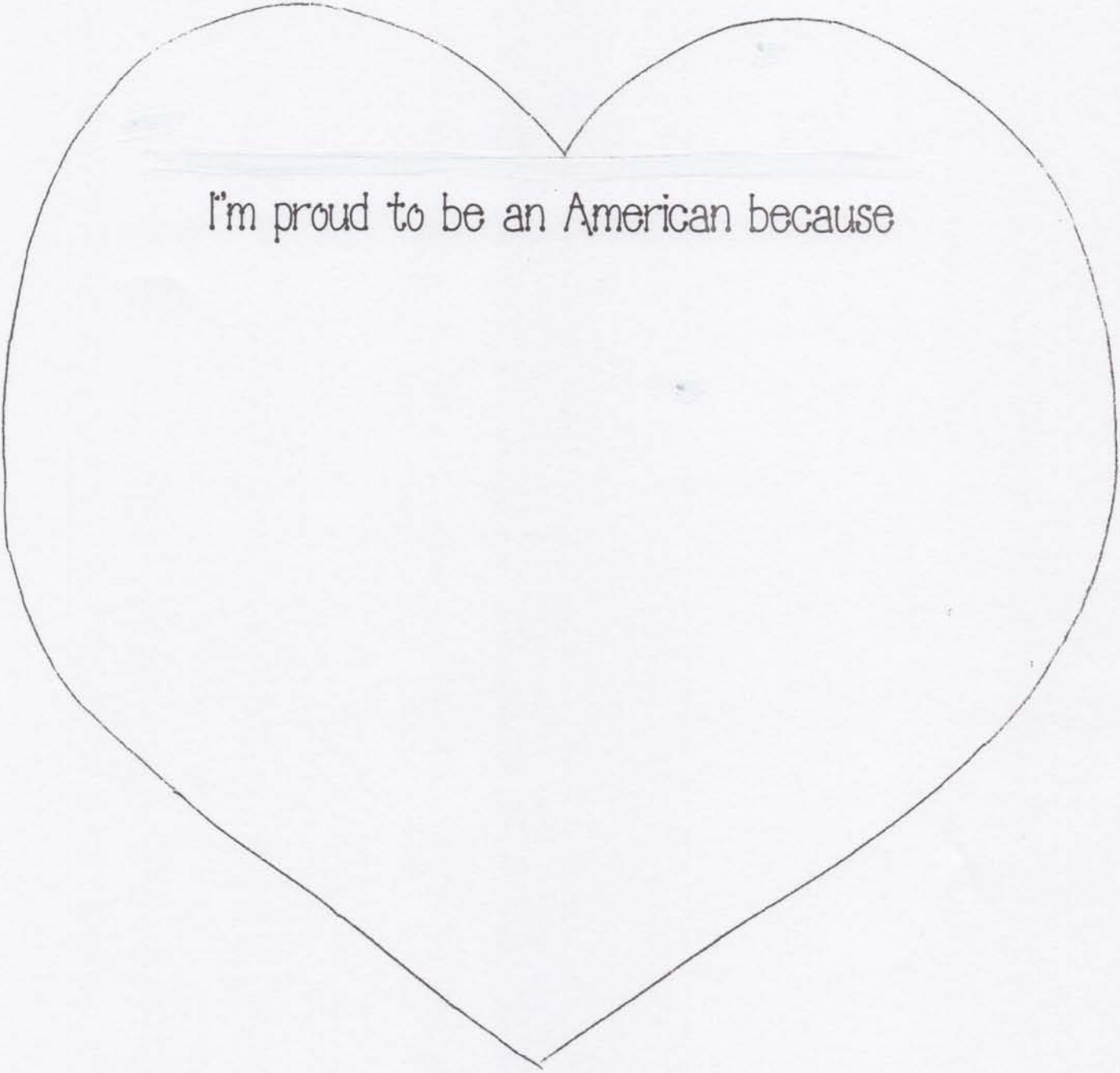




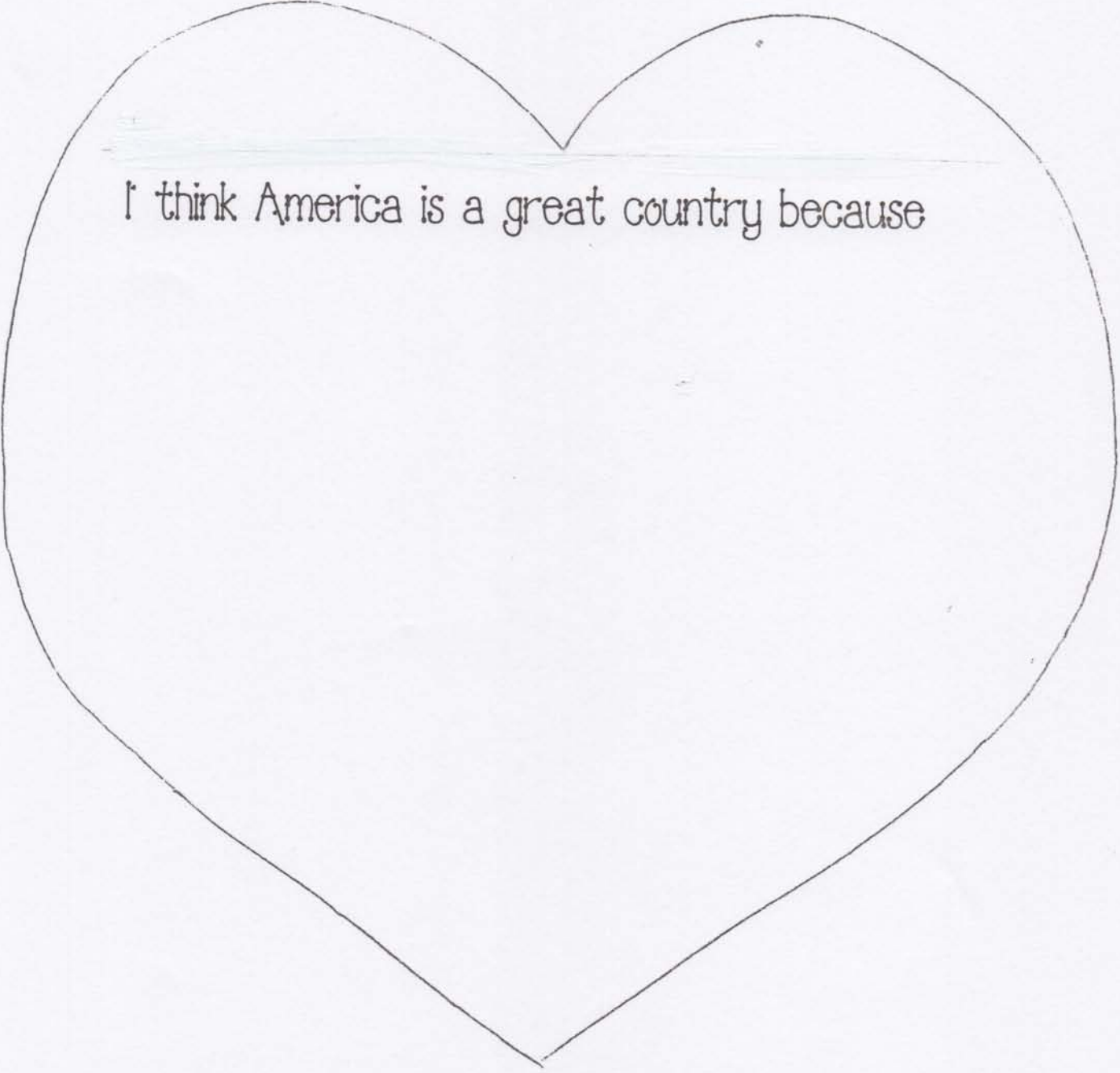
Royal Blue
Construction
Paper



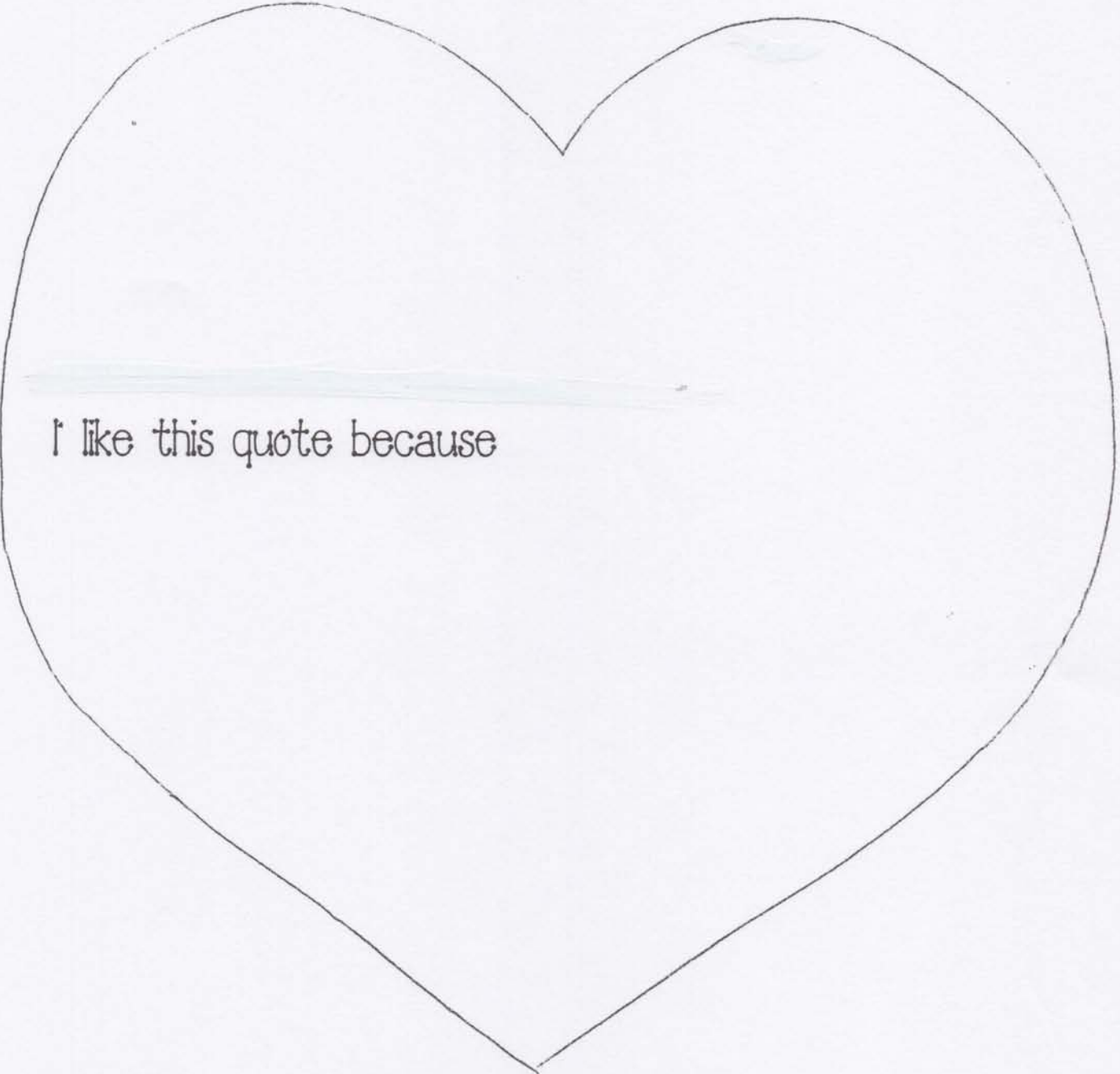
I like President _____ better than
President _____ because



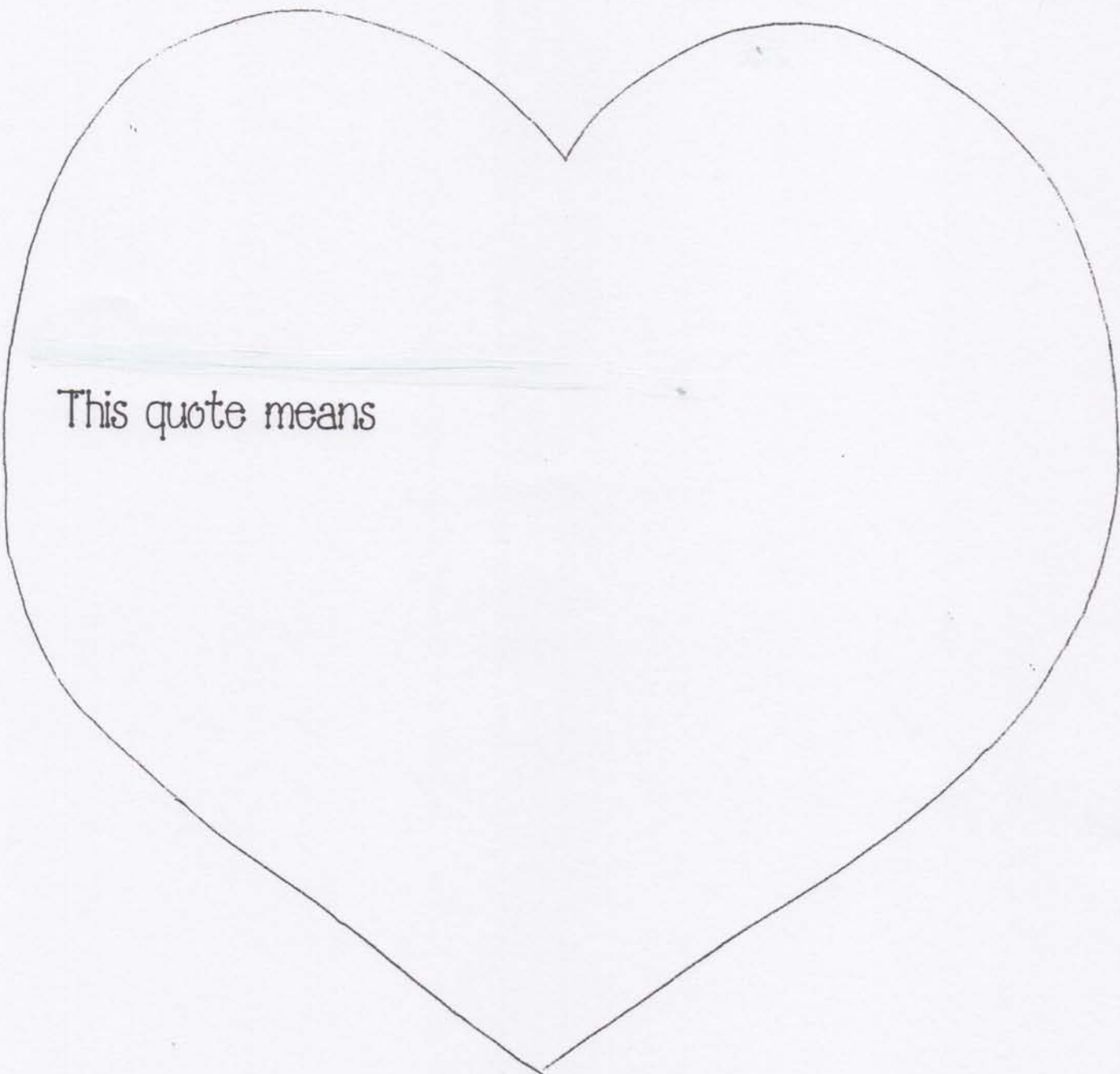
I'm proud to be an American because



I think America is a great country because



I like this quote because



This quote means

During the month of February you can choose one of your favorite quotes and put it on the board each day.

Older students can use these as writing prompts to comment on, or explain what they think the quote means, or what it means to them, and why they like it.

You can make the patriotic heart and have students write a quote and their explanation on the back.

You can also have students use the back to complete the sentence: *"I am proud to be an American because..."* or

"I think America is a great country because..." Or

They can choose Lincoln, Washington or the current president and explain why they think they are/were a great president.

Have students glue their photograph in the center of the star.

Punch a hole in the middle of the V and hang the heart writing prompts from the ceiling.



Quotes by Abraham Lincoln:

I have tried to my best ability to make sure that these are true Lincoln and Washington quotes.

The Internet is famous for misquoting and giving credit to the wrong person(s).

If you find a quote here, you definitely know to be attributed and proven to be someone else's, would you please let me know:

diane@teachwithme.com Thanks.

Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.

A house divided against it self cannot stand.

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all of the time.

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak out and remove all doubt.

When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down.

How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg!

Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

Those who look for the bad in people will surely find it.

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?

I don't like that man. I must get to know him better.

I am a slow walker, but I never walk back.

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have rose.

Tact: The ability to describe others as they see themselves.

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

I will prepare and some day my chance will come.

Every man's happiness is his own responsibility.

It's not me who can't keep a secret. It's the people I tell that can't.

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle. (Yes that word was used way back then! I wondered if this quote was really Lincoln's. It is attributed to him, but there is no proof of when he said it.)

It's been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.

To sin by silence, when they should protest, makes cowards of men.

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it.

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.

No matter how much the cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens.

You can tell the greatness of a man by what makes him angry.

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

The best way to predict your future is to create it.

To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.

All I have learned, I learned from books.

Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.

In this sad world of ours sorrow comes to all and it often comes with bitter agony. Perfect relief is not possible except with time. You cannot now believe that you will ever feel better. But this is not true. You are sure to be happy again. Knowing this, truly believing it

will make you less miserable now. I have had enough experience to make this statement.

I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end.

I would rather be a little nobody, than to be an evil somebody.

(When a skeptic expressed surprise to see him reading a Bible Lincoln said☺ Take all that you can of this book upon reason, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier man.

The worst thing you can do for anyone you care about, is anything that they can do on their own.

The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I haven't read.

The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They present him the words: "And this too, shall pass away." How much it expresses! How chastening in the hour of pride! How consoling in the depths of affliction!

Let's have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.

You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.

Determine that the thing can and shall be done and then...find the way.

Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.

Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our fathers made it inviolate. The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.

A capacity, and taste, for reading, gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others. It is the key, or one of the keys, to the already solved problems, and not only so. It gives a relish, and facility, for successfully pursuing the [yet] unsolved ones.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You can't make a weak man strong, by making a strong man weak.

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

Gentlemen, why do you not laugh? With the fearful strain that is upon me day and night, if I did not laugh, I should die.

Life is hard, but so very beautiful.

Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject, which we as a people can be engaged in.

You can have anything you want if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose.

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book.

That some achieve great success is proof to all that others can achieve it as well.

Love is the chain whereby to lock a child to its parent.

Leave nothing for tomorrow, which can be done today.

I am rather inclined to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least more unusual nowadays to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot.

Writing, the art of communicating thoughts to the mind through the eye, is the great invention of the world...enabling us to converse with the dead, the absent, and the unborn, at all distances of time and space.

...Better give your path to a dog, than be bitten by him in contesting for the right, not even killing the dog, will cure the bite.

If you want your name to be remembered after your death, either do something worth writing [about] or write something worth reading.

Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition...I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem.

I know not how to aid you, save in the assurance of one of mature age, and much severe experience, that you cannot fail, if you resolutely determine, that you will not.

There's no honorable way to kill, no gentle way to destroy. There is nothing good in war. Except its ending.

I am slow to learn and slow to forget that which I have learned. My mind is like a piece of steel, very hard to scratch anything on it and almost impossible after you get it there to rub it out.

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

Laughter can be used to sooth the mind and get rid of those awful thoughts.

If my father's son can become President of these United States, then your father's son can become anything he wishes.



Quotes By George Washington:

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.

Truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains to bring it to light.

Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples' liberty's teeth.

The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference—they deserve a place of honor with all that's good.

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.



Glue one to the writing prompt heart, and compare and contrast the 2 presidents, or choose your favorite and tell why.



President
Barack
Obama

