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Ready Writing Invitational Test F24-F

Topic I "A leader is best
When people barely know he exists
Of a good leader, who talks little,
When his work is done, his aim fulfilled,
They will say, 'We did this ourselves.'"

Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*, 1868

Topic II "Everybody talks about genocides around the world, but when the killing is slow
and spread over a hundred years, no one notices. Where there are no mass
graves, no one notices. American outrage is always for show. It has a shelf life."

Percival Everett, *The Trees*, 2021

Ready Writing Invitational Test S25-B

Topic I "A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Roald Dahl, *The Twits*, 1980

Topic II "As I look back on my own life, I recognize that some of the greatest gifts I received from my parents stemmed not from what they did for me — but rather from what they didn't do for me."

Clayton M. Christensen, *How Will You Measure Your Life?*, 2012