

# Ghosts in the White House: The People Behind Presidential Speeches

Have you ever wondered who writes presidential speeches? This course traces the evolution of speechwriting from George Washington's administration to today. Yes, Hamilton helped draft Washington's Farewell Address, but no, Lincoln did not scribble the Gettysburg Address on an envelope. We will study the writing process presidents used and examine drafts from FDR, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Carter, and George H.W. Bush. We will view clips from speeches and from former White House speechwriters describing the process.



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**MONDAYS, MARCH 30 THROUGH MAY 4**

**Noon PT | 1pm MT | 2pm CT | 3pm ET**

**Each live session is 90 minutes**

- Monday, March 30
- Monday, April 6
- Monday, April 13
- Monday, April 20
- Monday, April 27
- Monday, May 4

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