

Read the passage. Choose the best answer based on information in the passage.

The belief that it is harmful to the African American community for authors to explore the humanity of our leaders can have troubling effects. At the least, it promotes the belief that our heroes have to be perfect to be useful. At worst, it censors out full investigation of African American life. If our painting of that life are stock and cramped, their colors drab and predictable, the representations of our culture are likely to be untrue. They will not capture the breadth and complexity of African American identity.

1. The passage implies that African American leaders have sometimes been portrayed as being

- A) overly sentimental
- B) deeply complex
- C) above reproach
- D) without regret
- E) beyond understanding

2. In context, the "paintings" (lines 4) are best understood as a reference to

- A) realistic sculptures
- B) historical biographies
- C) whimsical novels
- D) political cartoons
- E) colorful theorems

Answers: 1.C, 2.B

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 - Online reading text evaluator (<http://www.er-central.com/ogte/>)
 - American English (<http://www.americanenglish.state.gov/ebooks>)
 - Project Gutenberg (www.gutenberg.org)
 - Lit2Go (<http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go>)
- Graded reader quizzes
 - M-Reader (www.mreader.org)
- The Extensive Reading Foundation (<http://erfoundation.org/wordpress>)
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