

## **Nonfiction Leads: Imagine the Possibilities**

### **Sharing a Secret**

George Washington is one of America's greatest heroes. Most people know that George was honest and brave. But there is something about George that people don't always know. George Washington *loved* animals!

~ *George Washington and the General's Dog* by Frank Murphy

### **Creating a Sense of Era**

No one expected such a tiny girl to have a first birthday. In Clarksville, Tennessee, in 1940, life for a baby who weighed just over four pounds at birth was sure to be limited. But most babies didn't have nineteen older brothers and sisters to watch over them. Most babies didn't have a mother who knew home remedies and a father who worked several jobs. Most babies weren't Wilma Rudolph.

~ *Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman* by Kathleen Krull

### **Compare/Contrast**

The year was 1847. The winter was cold and snowy. The place was a little town in Ohio. Inside the snow-covered, redbrick house, a baby boy was born. His name was Thomas Alva Edison.

Most babies cry a lot, but Thomas hardly ever cried. Instead, he cooed and laughed a lot. Baby Thomas was different in another way, too. He looked like he had questions to ask. But Baby Thomas couldn't talk yet.

~ *Always Inventing: The True Story of Thomas Alva Edison* by Frank Murphy

### **What If? Or Imagine...**

What would you do if someone told you you can't be what you want to be because you are a girl? What would you do if someone told you your vote doesn't count, your voice doesn't matter because you are a girl?

Would you ask why? Would you talk back? Would you fight...for your rights?

Elizabeth did.

~ *Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote* by Tanya Lee Stone

### **Setting with Action Embedded**

It is a summer morning on the rain forest floor in the Yucatan Peninsula. A yellow butterfly with a notch in its wing, sliced by a bird's beak, flutters across the sunbeams. The butterfly spirals upward and weaves around moss and orchid-covered branches.

~ *Wings of Light: The Migration of the Yellow Butterfly*  
by Stephen R. Swinburne