Single-Sentence Openings

- 1. I remember, to start with, that day in Sacramento, in a California now nearly thirty years past, when I first entered a classroom—able to understand about fifty stray English words. ("Aria: A Memoir of a Bilingual Childhood," Richard Rodriquez 1982, 522)
- 2. When Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee met in the parlor of a modest house in Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on April 9, 1865 to work out the terms for the surrender of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, a great chapter in American life came to a close, and a great new chapter began. ("Grant and Lee: A Study in Contrasts," Bruce Catton 1982, 180)
- 3. Anyone interested in the future of American commerce should take a drive sometime to my neighborhood gas station. ("They Also Wait Who Stand and Serve Themselves," Andrew Ward 1982, 89)
- 4. Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. ("I Have a Dream," Martin Luther King Jr. 1982, 451)