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FIGURE 0.1 Norwegian-born artist Ole Balling's most famous painting "Grant and His Generals" from 1865. Photo by National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution via Getty Images.

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