

# TOURNAMENT OF WORLD RULERS

Names in bold indicate winners of play-in round

In a mock March Madness-style tournament, 82 Essex High School students pose as historic leaders to try and convince classmates they are qualified to rule the world. As of Wednesday, 17 rulers remain, with Swedish King Adolphus, who has been battling illness, and British Queen Victoria vying for the final Sweet Sixteen spot.



Ben Wistrom as Abraham Lincoln

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