## Writing for Tests

**Prompt:** Imagine a middle school hundreds of years from now. Write a short fantasy story about what it would be like to be a student there.

### Day 1 @ Orion

Jack3Bn was the last student to step down from the heli-bus. It was his first day at Orion Middle School and he was a little nervous. "Have a good day," said the robot driver as the solar-powered heli-bus prepared to lift off.

"How am I supposed to have a good day when I don't know anyone at this school?" Jack thought. Then he remembered what his mother had told him that morning as they'd IM'd from their heli-buses. "Day 1 = alwAz hardest. Nx week = U have > nu frenZ!!." He hoped his mother was right.

As Jack walked through the front door, a robotic voice droned, "Jack3Bn, you are late. Please proceed immediately to homeroom 118A." A map of the school flashed onto the wall and a laser light traced the way to get there.

The door to room 118A slid open automatically just as Jack arrived. He scanned the room, looking for a familiar face, as he took his assigned seat. Just as he expected, he recognized no one. "Please take out your laser pens and answer the following questions," the robot teacher snapped. Jack wished the programmers had given the robots more friendly voices.

"Oh, no," Jack said as he realized he had forgotten his laser pens. "Here," the student next to him whispered, placing an extra laser pen on Jack's floating desk.

"Thanks," Jack said as he picked up the pen and turned to see who had given it to him. The girl smiled shyly and then went back to her work. The heli-bus driver's words suddenly sounded in Jack's mind, their chirpy robot cheer taking him back to the sunny ride. Maybe it would be a good day after all.

1. How can you tell this story belongs to the fantasy genre?

2. Underline examples of story elements that are based on imagination.

3. Stories sometimes include flashbacks. Circle two flashbacks in the story.

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