Next week you are going to write a story…

We will give you an opening paragraph and you will have to use a *flashback* to go back in time and tell the background story.

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This is a great idea, but how could we turn this into an interesting story?

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The writer would have to make the day it was given to Edward memorable…

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Perhaps it was a memorable day for other reasons… maybe it was the day man first set foot on the moon.

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Edward received this diary when he was 11 years old. His grandfather had died aged 74 and his grandmother gave it to Edward on his grandfather's request but he wasn't allowed to read it until he was 16. Edward received the diary the day after the funeral.

It says private on the front. Edward's little sister Sarah was very jealous so Edward had to hide it under his bed. He was really close to his grandfather.

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A great idea – it instantly gives the writer an opportunity to build an exciting story about the day it was found.

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Another great idea. What is impressive is the amount of detail that this person has planned. You won't be able to read it, but you can see the amount on the next page…

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As a writer, you must have thought about every single detail of you story.
You should have thought about it in so much detail, so that the real decisions are about what to leave out…

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Your story can be anything you want it to be: dramatic, mysterious, heartbreaking or heartwarming…

It could be a love story, a story of heroism or a ghost story

It could just be a very detailed description or an incredibly special day

Your task today:

Read the paragraph again.
Today, you need to rewrite your plan…

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You will need to think through very carefully about developing a story around why Edward was given the object and, in particular, about the day he was given it.

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Think through the events carefully so that you have developed a plan for an interesting story.

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Item one: ***a donald trump funko pop***...

On this day Donald trump has been bored to death of his wall. Edward has been invited to share his sorrows for this beloved friend of his in the white house, where Donald is to be sadly buried. He was given this funko pop by the president when he was 2 years old and he just couldn't afford to lose it now. "I had to lose it today!" he angrily mumbled.

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The next morning, at dawn, a constant banging and cheers could be heard. Edward looked as scruffy as could be, as he drowsily swung open the door. Standing tall in front of his eyes, was America's most famous man, Mr D. Trump. Mouth agape, he froze.
"Hello dear boy, are you..." Trump asked.
"Yes yes yes, i am him." Edward didn't even let the president finish before he was welcomed inside. Sitting beside the stove, Edward sat, cowardly, not speaking a word.
"You saved me on that day, boy. Do you know that?"
" Y...Y... Yes," he stuttered.
"I have purchased you this,... sorry, but what is your name?"
"Edward" he murmured.
Handing him a mysterious package, he violently slashed through the immaculate wrapping.

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Get planning…

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If you are one of a couple of people who produced a very detailed plan yesterday:

Option 1: Refine and add lots of detail to your existing plan.

Option 2: Write a completely new plan – change the object and/or the story. You will then have a choice of stories to work with.

Option 3: Try planning a story based on the opening on the next page. Again, you will then have a choice of stories to write!

Slowly and deliberately, he made his way over the granite rocks that had once formed part of the precipitous cliffs that towered behind him. The Atlantic wind was pushing him back towards the path, reluctant to allow him onto the grey sands.

Jonas glanced down at his watch. He had been wearing it when he had last climbed down into the cove.