



# WRITE YOUR ADVENTURE

In the illustrated novel *Stuntboy, in the Meantime*, Portico Reeves, the main character, keeps his identity as the superhero Stuntboy a secret from everyone – except his best friend. Read the excerpt your teacher provides to learn more about Portico and his adventures. Then answer the questions below about the elements of an action-packed story. Use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

1. In this excerpt we meet the novel's main character, Portico Reeves. What do we learn about him? What makes him special? What other characters does the author introduce?

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2. Where does the story take place?

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3. How does the illustrator make the Skylight Gardens apartment building resemble a castle? Why might Portico think of his home as a castle?

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4. What captures your attention about the illustrations?

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5. Why do you think Portico has a secret superpower?

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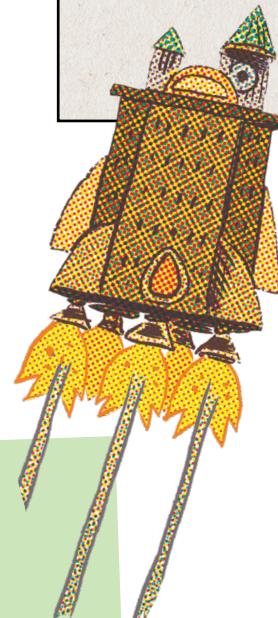
## Story Elements Checklist

Be sure your story includes these elements:

- ☐ Characters (people or animals in the story)
- ☐ Setting (where the story takes place)
- ☐ Problem (the situation the characters have to figure out)
- ☐ Solution (how the problem is solved)

PLUS...

- ☐ Powerful graphics to enhance the story



## Big, Bigger, BIGGEST Story Ideas

Now, it's your turn to write your own adventure story or comic strip. Choose one of the story ideas below. Use the checklist on the right to help you plan elements of your story, and then set off to create your super adventure! Remember to add pictures, too.

- I woke up and had to face my biggest fear...
- I just discovered our home has a secret door. What is behind it?
- I found out that my pet has a secret superpower that it is using to...



## For After School

Share your adventure story and drawings with a trusted grown-up. You might even want to act out a scene from your story for them!

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