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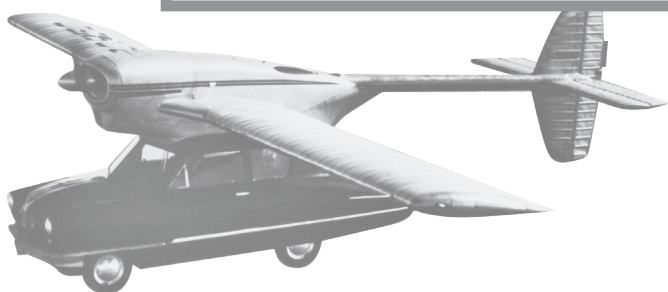
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# SCHOOL AS

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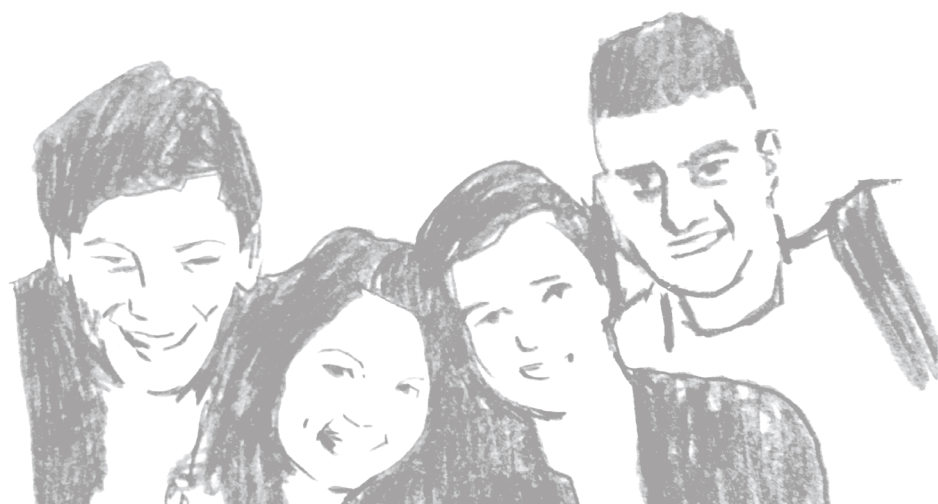
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ANTHROPOLOGY  
FOR KIDS

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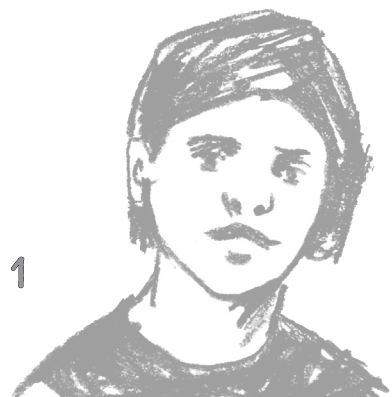
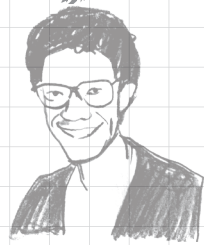
## THIS BOOK IS A COLLECTION OF DIFFERENT STORIES ABOUT PAST AND FUTURE OF SCHOOLING.

Ways of teaching varied greatly from epoch to epoch and from one culture to another. Many wonderful books describe it, but our book isn't an encyclopedia, but rather a conversation.

Today we often hear people talking about the future of education. Many say it will look different than ours. Scholars and artists, politicians and bureaucrats all predict their versions of future schooling, but I wanted to ask children themselves what they think.

This book consists of three parts.  
The first and smallest section is devoted to the schools of different countries, now and in the past.  
The second section comes from me retelling the stories invented by kids who shared with me their dreams and fears about schools. I collected their stories in different countries: Germany, Russia, USA, Iceland, and Cuba. I noticed kids prefer to comment on the ideas, plans, and drawings made by other kids rather than by adults.  
That's why after the section with kids stories, to be inspired by or to be argued with the largest part of the book is free space for the readers.

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SEEN AND  
READ ABOUT  
DIFFERENT  
TYPES OF  
SCHOOLS



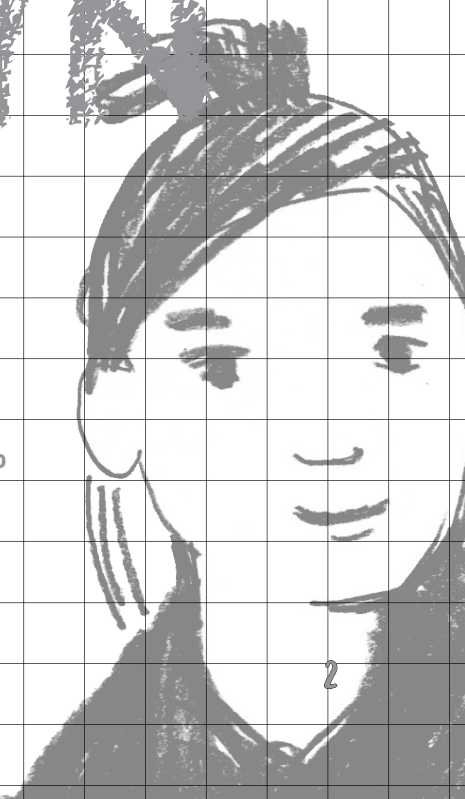
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REAL AND  
IMAGINARY,  
IT'S TIME  
TO INVENT  
YOUR  
SCHOOL.

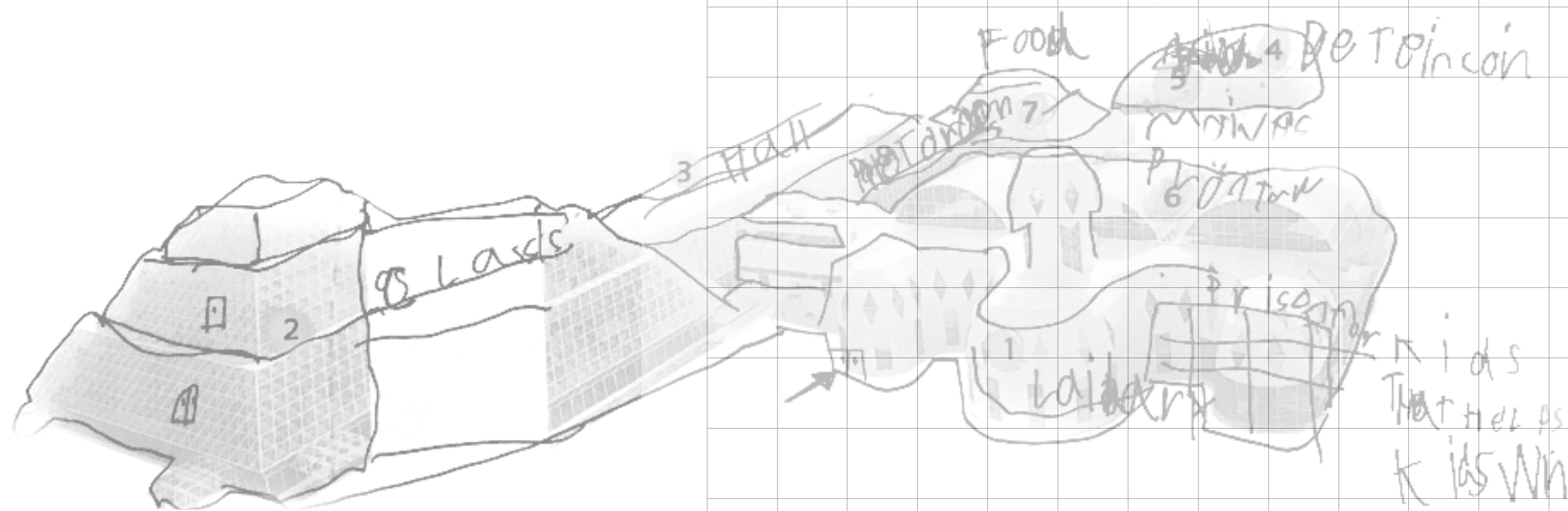


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I made a list of questions. Maybe it will help you remember some things to think about when planning a school. But these are just suggestions, feel free to ignore them if you want.



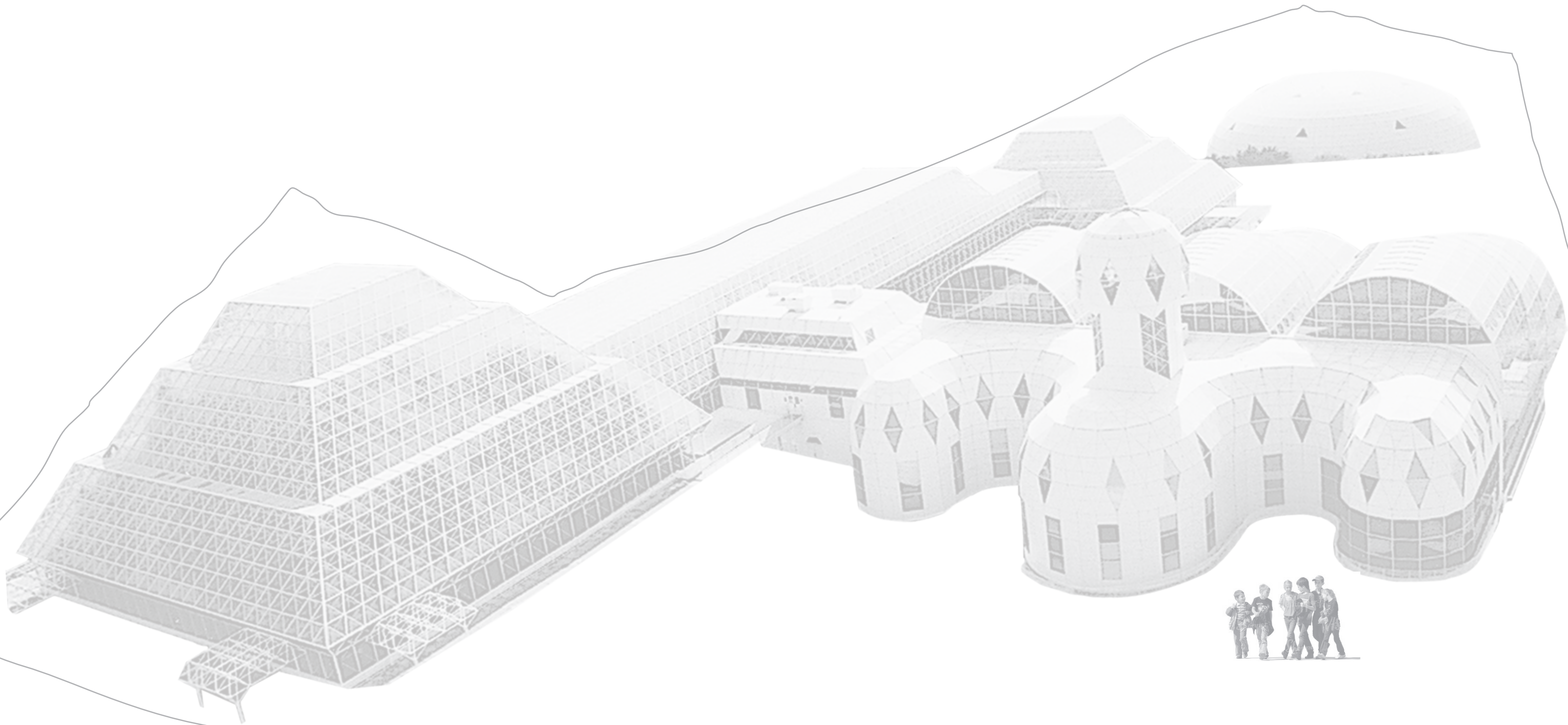
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# SCHOOLS AS A FANTASY



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Your school in this  
building. Describe  
what located in  
which part.

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SCHOOL



This school is magic!  
Add some details.



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Draw plan of the school  
of your dreams.





What will be the entry criteria for your school – who will be admitted?  
Where will the students come from?  
Write a school timetable here. Will you have a timetable?  
Will there be a school bell, break times, will classes have a beginning and end?

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And what about grades? How will you evaluate achievement?  
What will be considered as achievement?  
Will there be any form of punishment in your school?  
Will anyone be expelled, and if so what for?  
What will happen to children who are late for class?

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Draw school plan  
and describe details.



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Draw a school plan for  
the far future





**Who will cook in your school – the children themselves? Special staff? Or will food be ordered online / printed on a 3D printer?**

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**Will pets be allowed in your school can you bring dogs, cats and birds to class?**



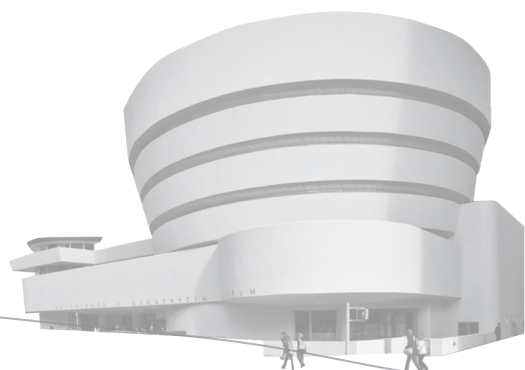
**What kind of teachers will you have? Who will decide what teachers to hire?**

**Will the children be separated into age groups or will they all study together?**

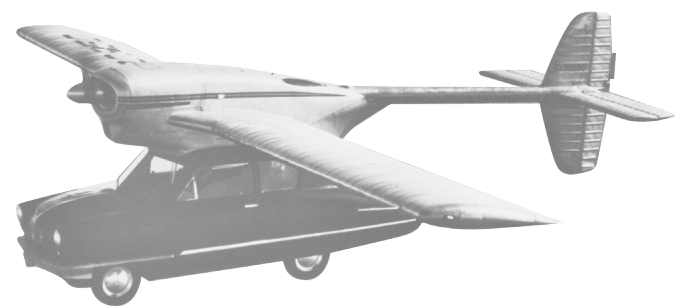
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Draw a plan of the  
school, where every-  
one is happy.







How would look like  
the school of the future  
technology?





And what if a child doesn't want to go to class? How can you make them?

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Which classes will be optional and which mandatory?

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Remember you're free  
to invent whatever you like.  
The most unbelievable



Draw a plan of the school for  
the superheroes.

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Each book in the series «In Pictures and Dialogues,» is about characters from children's play: they are Kings and Queens, Pirates and Ghosts, Witches and Knights.

I began writing it with my late husband, anthropologist and activist David Graeber, who remained a child until his death.

This doodle book is about pirates, adventure, violence, magic, and freedom.

Now it's filled with your drawings and stories, so it' become our shared book and game.

Thank you, dear co-author!