WEED 20

The Rebel of Millford Military Academy

From the moment Jack Barton arrived at Millford Military Academy, it was obvious he didn't want to be there. Jack wanted to be at Adams Middle School with his friends. Instead, his parents had enrolled him at Millford, hoping that the smaller class sizes and strict discipline would help Jack improve his grades.

So far, the Millford experience had only brought Jack misery. He missed his friends and was constantly breaking the academy's many rules. After reading the first two pages of the rule book, Jack decided he couldn't possibly memorize all the rules. Instead, he learned them the hard way: "Cadet Barton, keep off the grass!" "Tuck in your shirt, Cadet Barton!" It seemed as if Jack couldn't do anything right. The school's headmaster, Colonel Peck, finally warned Jack, "If you can't obey our rules, you will be dismissed."

"Yes!" Jack thought. "If I break enough rules, they'll kick me out. Adams Middle School, here I come!" Jack began violating rules at a record-breaking pace. Instead of giving Jack a free ticket out of Millford, however, the colonel called in Jack's parents to discuss his willful disobedience.

"What's going on, Jack?" his father demanded.

"No one could remember all these ridiculous rules, Dad."

Before Jack could finish, Colonel Peck said, "I think I know what's happening. I told Jack that if he couldn't follow our rules, he would be dismissed. Jack sees rebellion as a way out."

Jack's parents had a whispered conversation. Then Mr. Barton said, "Jack, we know you don't like Millford. But if you work diligently this semester and obey the rules, you can complete the second semester at Adams." From that moment on, Jack was motivated to succeed. He studied hard and excelled in every subject. As the first semester neared its end, Jack astonished his parents by asking to remain at Millford. The rebel of Millford Military Academy had become its most promising rising star.

MONDAY

Choose the definition that matches the bold word in the sentence.

- 1. We worked diligently to finish building our cabin before the start of winter.
 - A slowly

- ® carefully and continually
- 2. Some new soldiers have trouble getting used to the discipline of military life.
 - A freedom

- ® training that requires following rules
- 3. The circus dog was **motivated** to learn new tricks because he loved to hear applause.
 - A having a reason to do something
- ® beginning to do something
- 4. Which is better for correcting a dog's disobedience—rewards or punishments?
 - a refusal to obey rules
- ® eagerness
- 5. He spent five years in jail for violating the law against theft.
 - breaking or disregarding
- ® copying
- **6.** My cousin was **dismissed** from his job for playing video games when he should have been working.

® sent away or forced to leave

I. What genre of fiction is this	story?	
M myth or legendmystery		© historical fiction
		① realistic fiction
2. Why do Jack's parents enro	oll him at Millford Mil	litary Academy?
(A) to separate him from his friends(B) to punish him		© to help him improve his grades
		① to get him to join the military
3. Why doesn't Jack want to b	oe at Millford Military	Academy?
His friends are all at a different school.		© He had heard bad things about it.
He doesn't like the small classes.		
THURSDAY	Draw a line to iden	ntify each story element.
Main Character	• Jack's fath	her
Supporting Character	• Millford N	Ailitary Academy
Setting		rents agree to let him go to Adams Middle Sch vior and grades improve.
Problem	• Jack Barto	on
Solution	• Jack brea	ks rules, hoping to be dismissed from the acad
In the e	nd, why does Jack v	vant to stay at Millford? Explain your answe