**The Fun They Had**

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**DIRECTIONS**: **Read the short story “The Fun They Had” by Asimov (separate PDF). As you read, annotate for main idea and text-to-self connections! How does this story compare to what we are all experiencing right now in quarantine? When you are finished reading, close read for the questions below. Your answers should be a strong ACES paragraph: A that rephrases the prompt, C, three sentences or more of E, S. Share and compare your responses with a parent, sibling, or classmate (via video chat!).**

1. What are the main features of the mechanical teachers and the schoolrooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story?
2. Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think the old kind of school must have been fun?
3. Compare Margie and Tommy’s learning experience to your own experience learning from home in quarantine.
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5. What is the theme of the short story?
6. Research: When did Asimov publish this short story? Does it surprise you that Asimov predicted the future in a sense? Why, or why not?