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The Missing Middle Answer Key

This activity has many correct answers. A strong middle should do the following:

- Explain how Jada opens or investigates the box.
- Describe what she finds inside.
- Show how she decides to bring it to school.
- Connect naturally to the final moment where her class claps for her discovery.

Teacher's Guide

- Model how the **middle** answers the question: How did the character get from the beginning to the ending?
- Provide sentence frames for students who need support, such as **Then Jada...** or **After that, she decided...**
- Encourage students to check for **logical flow** by rereading the beginning and ending before writing.
- For differentiation:
 - Offer picture cues for emerging writers.
 - Challenge advanced writers to include setting details or small obstacles in the middle.
- For extension, invite students to write a brand-new beginning and ending for a classmate to fill in.