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Analyze El Paso artist Francisco Delgado’s painting Antropofagia: Radio Flyer. In this painting we see a young man wearing shorts and Nike shoes plowing his tricycle forward through rocks and cacti. Oddly, the tricycle rider is headless, and his face is on his stomach. Why do you think the artist chose to do this? This painting can be described as surreal, Delgado combines realism with his interpretation of Blemmyes, figures with faces on their torsos found in Greek mythology, to create a unique visual metaphor about his upbringing and life in the Borderland.

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Think about different ways you can express your own ideas, feelings, or dreams by using your imagination. What unexpected combinations would you put together? **Draw a surreal self-portrait, or picture of yourself in a surreal setting in the space below, or on your own paper.**