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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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List the components of the result obtained from synthetic division.

Hint: Consider what you get after performing the division.

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Part 2: Comprehension and Application

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Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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