



# HERITAGE OAK

## *Private Education*

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignment 2025**

This summer, it is essential that students continue stretching their minds and developing their learning. The ideal practice to support such a goal comes from reading; thus, students are required to read a novel over the summer. Please read the instructions below and complete the study assignments. The completed assignments are due on the second day of school in September. Late assignments are subject to a 30% grade deduction for the first day, 50% for the second.

#### **Summer Reading Text**

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

ISBN-10: 0312367546

ISBN-13: 978-0312367541

#### **Reading Assignments**

##### **1. One-Pager**

- One-Pager can be any design or layout. Paper should be at least a standard 8.5" x 11" page, but no larger than 11" x 17" page. Must be hand-made, not digital.
- **Required Elements:**
  - Title and Author
  - Theme of the novel with two supporting quotes
  - Main character(s) name with at least two-character traits and brief explanation
  - Plot of the novel (include problem and resolution)
  - Description of the setting of the novel and how it impacts the story

##### **2. Summary Written Response**

- Summary must follow the guidelines (***please see page 2***) and be written in standard MLA format.

***Your work will serve as your first Language Arts grade.***

I acknowledge receipt of the summer reading assignment for my child.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade for 2025 - 2026 \_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return no later than June 6, 2025.**

## Summary Guidelines

### Directions:

Use the guideline and grading rubric as your guide to complete your summary. Please use MLA format to create your document. The title of your document should be *A Wrinkle in Time Summary*.

### Guidelines for Summary:

1. **Be Concise:** A good summary is much shorter than the original text, usually about 1/4 to 1/3 its length if the original story is 1-3 pages long.
2. **Include the Essentials:** Be sure the summary has only the most important details. Ask yourself if each piece of information is crucial for the reader to grasp the original text.
3. **Staying True to the Text:** The summary should only contain information directly from the text. Avoid adding personal background knowledge or opinions.
4. **Using Your Own Words:** The summary should be written in your own words. If using quotes or examples from the text to support the summary, cite the author according to MLA format.
5. **Writing Clearly:** Follow proper writing rules; capitalization, complete sentences, punctuation, and logical organization of thoughts. Paragraphs should have smooth, coherent transitions. Summaries are not written in the form of lists or outlines.
6. **Avoid Questions:** Questions can make summaries unclear and informal in tone. Write using statements to convey information accurately.
7. **Third Person:** Summaries are written in the *third person point of view*. Do not use "I" in the summary. This helps to keep the summary focused on the story, and not drift off into personal opinions about the novel.
8. **Avoid "Talking" About the Book:** Do not begin a summary with "This book is about..." or "What I read was...". Begin the summary with information about the novel to engage the reader.

### MLA Format:

Summary should be written in MLA format. This includes size 12pt, Times New Roman, double-spaced, and 1" margins on the word document. The proper heading is listed below for reference and should be included with the summary. Be sure to include the title as well. ***\*Titles are not underlined, italicized, or in bold print.***

Student Name

Mrs. Quintana

ELA

31 May 2025

Title

### Summer Reading Summary Grading Rubric

Criteria	Description	Points Given
Content (25)	-Accurate representation of key events, characters, and themes in the novel  -In-depth coverage of the main elements of the story	
Organization (10)	-Clear and logical structure of the summary  -Smooth transition between ideas and paragraphs	
Language and Mechanics (10)	-Proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling  -Summary is written in third person POV	
Format (5)	-Summary is written in MLA format	

Total Points: \_\_\_\_ /50

