



HERITAGE OAK

Private Education

6th Grade Summer Assignment 2026

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 14" 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. Literary Analysis: Written Response

- Written response 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 2026-2027 ____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please sign and return no later than June 2, 2026.

Literary Analysis Written Response Guidelines

Directions:

Use the guideline and grading rubric as your guide to complete your written response. Please use MLA format to create your document. The title of your document should be "*A Wrinkle in Time: Literary Analysis*".

Guidelines for Literary Analysis Written Response:

1. Choose ONE prompt and respond in a well-developed written response. Your response should:

- Introduce and answer the prompt clearly
- include at least TWO examples or quotations from the novel
- explain your evidence thoughtfully
- focus on analysis, not summary
- 3 well-developed paragraphs *minimum*
- MLA Format

2. Prompt Choices

a. Option 1: Individuality vs. Conformity

- i. How does the novel show that individuality can be a strength?

b. Option 2: Meg's Growth

- i. How does Meg change throughout the story, and what causes that change?

c. Option 3: Light vs. Darkness

- i. How does the author develop the struggle between darkness and light in the novel?

d. Option 4: Fear and Courage

- i. How does the story show that courage does not mean being fearless?

MLA Format:

Literary Analysis 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 2026

Title

Literary Analysis: Written Response Grading Rubric

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Excellent; answers the question well, gives proper analysis, and provides properly MLA cited examples from the text.	Good; answers the question adequately, gives some analysis, and provides examples.	Satisfactory; somewhat answers the question or gives an example. Minimal analysis given.	Needs Improvement; does not answer the question fully nor are examples given.

