



8th Grade Standard ELA Summer Reading

All rising 8th-grade ELA students will read a novel over the summer and complete the indicated assignments, which are due on Monday, August 11th, 2025.

→ **Standard 8th grade ELA:** *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

Every student will read this novel. Please complete the “AS YOU READ” activities and answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper or type the answers into a Word document to be printed. Unless specifically asked to create a list, each answer should be in complete sentences, using details from the story to support your response.

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A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

AS YOU READ:

- Make a list of 10 words that you are unfamiliar with.
Define each word and quote how it is used in the book. Give a page number.
- List five thought-provoking questions that come to mind about the story or the world as you read.

AFTER YOU READ

- Comprehension Questions:
 1. Provide 2-3 detailed sentences about each of these characters. Include information about their physical appearance and personality.

Meg Murray

Charles Wallace Murray

Mrs. Murray

Mr. Murray

Sandy Murray

Dennis Murray

Mrs. Who

Mrs. Which

Mrs. Whatsit

Calvin O'Keefe

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2. Identify the multiple settings of the story.

3. List three challenges that Meg Murray faces throughout her journey.
4. Compare Meg's character development at the beginning and end of the story.
How does she change?
5. Explain the different roles of Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Which, and Mrs. Who in the narrative.
6. John 1:5 says, "The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." How does this scripture apply to the themes of good and evil in *A Wrinkle in Time*?
7. Explain how the concept of hope is portrayed in "A Wrinkle in Time." How does it relate to biblical teachings? Make sure to cite any biblical reference.
8. Explain how Meg's relationship with her family influences her actions. Describe a time in your life when your relationship with a family member influenced your behavior or decisions.
9. Compare a character from the story to a biblical character who exemplifies the ideal of sacrifice for someone else. Make sure to cite any biblical reference.

10. Choose two characters who had a perceived weakness. Explain how they had to either overcome or use that weakness in order to meet the challenges faced in the narrative.

A Wrinkle in Time
Summer Reading Response Rubric

Vocabulary list/definitions and quotes	_____ of 20 pts
5 Thought-provoking questions	_____ of 10 pts
Sentences in written responses.	_____ of 20 pts
Detailed Examples in written responses	_____ of 20 pts
In-text Citations (page numbers)	_____ of 10 pts
Grammar	_____ of 10 pts
Spelling	_____ of 10 pts
Total grade	_____ of 100

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