

Grade 6 Summer Reading

Welcome to Literature 6! For your summer assignment, you will choose between two books to read, as well as read any book of your choice. The two books you must choose from are *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle or *The Egypt Game* by Zylpha Keatley Snyder.

After you have finished your chosen book, you must write a brief essay of four (4) paragraphs in response to the following prompt:

The word “courage” is used to describe people who show that they are strong even when they are faced with things that are scary or difficult. Which three characters in the story show the most courage, and why? Which of those three characters changed the most from the beginning of the story to the end?

To write your essay, follow these steps:

- ✓ **Choose your three characters.**
- ✓ **Find at least one situation or event in the book that you think showed the character's courage.**
- ✓ **Write one paragraph for each character. Begin each paragraph with a sentence that explains the character you are writing about. After the first sentence, write 4-5 sentences describing the situation or event from the book where the character showed his or her courage.**
- ✓ **In your final paragraph, pick one of your characters and explain how he/she changed from the beginning of the book to the end.**

Now you have to convince me to read your other summer reading novel! Write me a persuasive letter using a friendly letter format and tell me why I need to read your book. Your letter must tell me about your favorite part of the book using descriptive language, but remember no spoilers. Don't give away the ending! **Your book must be an appropriate 6th grade reading level or higher.** You may email me if you are uncertain about your book choice. You must have chosen a book and emailed me, if you have questions, before Friday, **July 19th**.

Your essay and letter must both be TYPED and printed out **before** the first day of school, **August 28th**. They will be collected during the period in which we meet for Literature class.

