

Sixth Grade

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

The theme of a book is its main idea or message. A work of literature can have more than one theme. *A Wrinkle in Time* deals with many different themes—interplanetary travel, extraterrestrials, family, and school. Ask yourself what L'Engle's book is really about. Then write a paragraph or so explaining what you think is the most important theme of *A Wrinkle in Time*. Support your answer with details from the novel.

What skills, strengths, ideas, or beliefs help you meet everyday challenges? What values help Meg, her family, and friends through their challenges? Discuss these, and find specific examples in the book that support your conclusions.

The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klages

Why did Dewey wonder where she was going on the train - why didn't she know? Suze kept trying to get on the other girls good side, why? Have you encountered girls like them? Why didn't Suze want to be friends with Dewey at first? Why do you think she changed her mind? Dewey loved to visit the dump and so did Jack and Charlie, what was the appeal for them? Is there anything you would like to find at the dump?

Using descriptions from the text, draw a map of the Hill. Include as many places as you can remember from the book. Possible locations to plot on your map might be the Tech PX, the dump, Morganville, and the tree house. Make sure to include a legend for your map.

In addition, there will be 10 question multiple choice test given the first full week of school. The above writing assignments will be collected the first Monday of the school year.