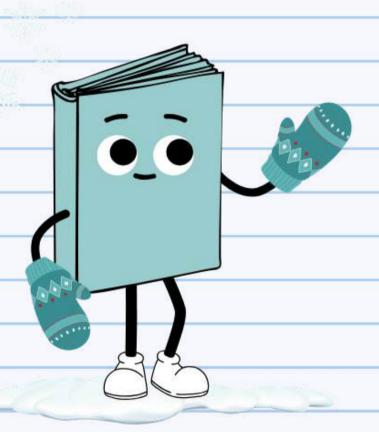
# Word Nerd Collaborative PRE-PLANNED Calendar



JANUARY 2025

## WELCOME TO ANOTHER YEAR.

One of my favorite things about the profession of teaching is that we get a "FIRST DAY" every year. Some people only ever get ONE FIRST DAY at a job their entire lives. But not us. We get that fresh start every year in September and then again in January. I suppose we also get a fresh start when second semester rolls around, but that one never felt as monumental to me.

I bring this up, here, in our January pre-planned calendar, because often times in August and September, we have big hopes and dreams for the school year ahead. We are going to be organized and exceptionally kind to everyone - staff and students. Our lessons are going to be fun and engaging and the talk of the hallway. Our principal is going to LOVE us and shower us with praises, and dang it, we are going to have the prettiest bulletin boards too.

Big dreams are all well and good... until we get side tracked and overwhelmed. If that's where you find yourself, it's okay. It happens to all of us. But this month, let's give ourselves permission to start fresh. Get out that planner. Set aside some time to set yourself up for success! Maybe set some small, manageable goals for the remaining months of the school year.

#### Maybe it's a goal to:

- Try one new engagement strategy
- Get on a regular First Chapter Friday Routine
- Read and write alongside your students
- Collab with another content area teacher
- Find a real world application for your curriculum content

It isn't too late to make this your best school year yet. And I'm here to help!

This month we are going to lean into the excitement of the Newbery Award and the genuine love of literature. Several of the resources included in this month's pre-planned calendar are my favorite. They pack just enough punch to pull everyone in close. I hope that you and your students love them as much as I do.

#### - AMANDA

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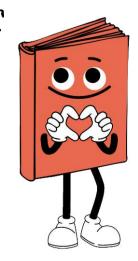
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## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

February Monthly Planning Session Zoom Link <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82003624150">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82003624150</a>

January Lunch Bunch Zoom Link (Jan 10 and 31) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89818553998">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89818553998</a>

Word Nerd Collaborative Private Facebook Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/427913560232081">https://www.facebook.com/groups/427913560232081</a>



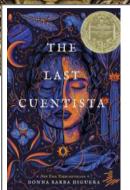
## January 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wednes.	Thurs.	Friday	Satur.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	December Lunch Bunch	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
February Planning Zoom	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	January Lunch Bunch	

Notes:				



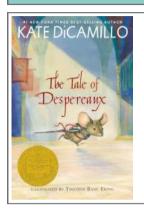
## Friday, January 3rd



The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Science Fiction/Dystopian /Prose

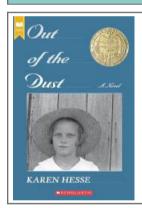
#### Friday, January 10th



The Tale of
Despereaux
by
Kate DiCamillo

Fantasy/Fairy Tale Prose

#### Friday, January 17th



Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Historical Fiction/Novel in Verse

## Friday, January 24th



New Kid by Jerry Craft

Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel

## Friday, January 31st



Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Realistic Fiction/ Prose

#### Lunch Bunch Attendees

Donna Barba Higuera - ? Kate DiCamillo - ? Karen Hesse - ? Jerry Craft - ? Meg Medina - ?



# Brain Breaks

Help your students reset their brains and moods with a little break. Try a fun trivia game! Totally optional, but you can use the LEADERBOARD on page 18 to keep track of student teams and scores throughout the month.

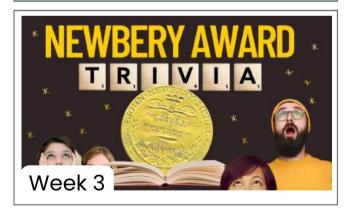
## **New Year's Trivia**



## **Outer Space Trivia**



## **Newbery Trivia**



## **Winter Olympics Trivia**



## Did you know?

"Brain breaks benefit not only students but teachers, too. They help improve the pacing of your lesson while keeping you and your students refreshed, focused, and engaged."

-- Reading Rockets Website



## Week 1

## **Monday** December

#### Tuesday

December

#### Wednesday

The Flashlight

**Thursday**Full of Hot Air

**Friday** Free Write Friday

## Week 3

**Monday** A Tropical Trip

**Tuesday** A Day with No Sun

#### Wednesday

Vacation Documentary

**Thursday** Pick a Hat, Any Hat

**Friday** Free Write Friday

#### Week 5

**Monday** A Concert with a View

**Tuesday** Special Delivery

#### Wednesday

Top 5

## **Thursday** Before or After?

**Friday** Free Write Friday

## Week 2

**Monday** My Parents are Spies!

**Tuesday** Snow -Figuratively Speaking

## Wednesday It's Alive!

#### Thursday

All the Feels

**Friday** Free Write Friday

#### Week 4

#### Monday

Family of Entrepreneurs

**Tuesday** Magically Real

**Wednesday** Let's Talk About a Trip

## Thursday Uncertain

**Friday** Free Write Friday

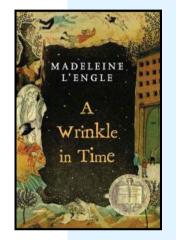


## LESSONS

A WRINKLE IN TIME NOVEL UNIT

This product contains everything you need to teach the classic and Newbery Award winning novel A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle including:

- Read Aloud Video/FCF Sheet
- Quick Comprehension Check Quizzes
- Reader's Response Journal
- A Vocabulary PowerPoint
- An Interactive Bulletin Board Set



#### **NEWBERY AWARD UNIT**

The Newbery Award is an important part of children's literature and a great opportunity for educators to expose their students to high quality books that will engage, educate and entertain. Learn about the history of this prestigious children's book award through the following items:

- Newbery Award Power Point
- Newbery Award History and Note Taking Sheet
- Newbery Award Reading Tracking Chart
- Newbery Medal Activity Pack

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## **EXERCISES TO DO WHILE READING**

PERFECT for teachers dealing with squirrely students and great for BRAIN BREAKS too! Heck, these bookish exercises are great for any bookworm who has been slacking on their step goal and needs to add a little movement to their life. If you had to choose between a workout and finishing the last few chapters of a book you've been wrapped up in, chances are you'd probably choose the book. But don't put your fitness goals on hold because you can't put your book down. There are plenty of workouts you can do while you read—supporting your physical and mental fitness. Great for you and your students!

## **BOOK COVER EXAMINATION**

Ever notice that a book has two different covers?

There are lots of reasons why they do this! Sometimes a publishing company will update or modernize a book published a long time ago. Sometimes a book is turned into a movie and they want to put the actors on the cover. With these worksheets, you'll be able to examine two different book covers and analyze what you see.

# READING RECOMMENDATION LIST: BOOKS ABOUT...

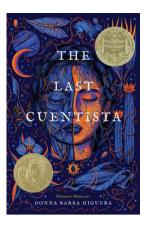
The books in this thematic list highlight titles that have won the Newbery Award! Often times in January I required my students to pick at least one to read. Since there is such a great variety among the winners, I felt confident everyone could find something they would be interested in reading. Another list I included is books about Outer Space!

# FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY SHEETS



# JANUARY 2025

FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY \* FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY



Name Date

## The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator, Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



Read Aloud Video

#### What's It About?

Había una vez . . . There lived a girl named Petra Peña, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita.

But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet - and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard - or purged them altogether. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?

2022 Newbery Award Winner 2022 Pura Belpré Award Winner School Library Journal's Best of the Year Kirkus Reviews' Best of the Year

#### Who Wrote It?

Donna grew up in Central California surrounded by agricultural and oil fields. As a child she preferred spending recess squirreled away in the janitor's closet with a good book. Her favorite hobbies were calling dial-a-story over and over again, and sneaking into a restricted cemetery to weave her own spooky tales using the crumbling headstones as inspiration, Donna's Middle Grade and Picture Books are about kids who find themselves in odd or scary situations. From language to cultural differences in being biracial life can become...complicated. So like Donna, characters tackle more than just the bizarre things that happen to them in their lives. Donna likes to write



about all things funny, but also sad, and creepy, and magical, If you like those things, she hopes you will read her books! Donna lives in Washington State with her family, three dogs and two frogs.

AR Reading Level: 5.0

Lexile Level: N/A

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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# The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo



Read Aloud Vide

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

#### What's It About?

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slowwitted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. And what happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: 'Reader, it is your destiny to find out."

- This book won the Newbery Medal in 2004.
- This book was turned into a movie.
- Illustrations by Timothy Basil Ering accompany the story.

#### Who Wrote It?

I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, raised in Clermont, Florida, and currently live in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I write for both children and adults and I like to think of myself as a storyteller. Here are a few more facts about me: I am short. And loud, I hate to cook and love to eat, I am single and childless, but I have lots of friends and I am an aunt to three lovely children (Luke, Roxanne, and Max) and one lovable dog (Ramona). I have won the Newbery Medal twice, I think of myself as an enormously lucky



person: I
get to tell
stories for
a living.
You can
learn more
about me
at
www.katedi
camillo.com

AR Reading Level: 4.7 Lexile Level: 670L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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## Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse



Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

#### What's It About?

"Dust piles up like snow across the prairie....

A terrible accident has transformed Billie Jo's life, scarring her inside and out. Her mother is gone, Her father can't talk about it. And the one thing that might make her feel better -playing the piano -- is impossible with her wounded hands. To make matters worse, dust storms are devastating the family farm and all the farms nearby. While others flee from the dust bowl, Billie Jo is left to find peace in the bleak landscape of Oklahoma -and in the surprising landscape of her own heart.

This book is a novel in verse, which means it is told in poems.

This book is historical fiction.

This book won the Newbery Award in 2010.

#### Who Wrote It?

I was born in 1952, in Baltimore, Maryland. I lived in a brick, row house in the city and my neighborhood brimmed with children my age. Summers were spent flying in and out of each other's homes. We played everything from jacks to hopscotch, jump rope to 'swinging statues', 'talent show' to 'mothers and babies'. There was a park about five blocks from my house in one direction and a public library about the same distance in the other direction and I loved going to both, I graduated from high school when I was sixteen and later earned my English degree from the University of Maryland, I've lived in Vermont since 1976 where, with my



husband, I've raised two amazing daughters. I love to knit dolls, go hiking, take photographs, read, write little tunes for the piano, paint, sing, and cook. Learn more about Karen and her books at https://karenhesseblog. wordpress.com/.

Lexile Level: currently unavailable AR Reading Level: 5.3

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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Name

## New Kid by Jerry Craft



Date



Read Aloud Vide

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

#### What's It About?

New Kid is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft.

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

This middle grade graphic novel is an excellent choice for tween readers, including for summer reading. Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Pri

#### Who Wrote It?

As a kid, Jerry did not like to read, but as he got older, he felt that the lack of books with characters who looked and acted like him and his friends, was probably the biggest reason. So he decided to make the books he wished he had when he was a kid. Jerry always loved drawing. A lot of what readers read and see in New Kid is built off the experiences of Jerry's life (and of his sons too!). Jerry says he feels honored to represent his community through his stories. "No ONE character is always right, nor are they always wrong. And I feel like that's important for both kids AND adults to see." Jerry said he had a blast creating this book. Jerry lives



with his family in Connecticut. He is excited about the newest book in this series, School Trip to come out in 2023. You can learn more about Jerry at his website: https://jerrycraft. com/faq/

AR Reading Level: 2.9

Lexile Level: 320L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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Name Date

# Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



Read Aloud Vide

#### What's It About?

Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, she's not exactly like the other kids at Seaward Pines because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. At home, Merci's most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely and no one in her family will tell her anything about what's going on with her grandfather. In a coming of age story that features family, friends, frenemies - and ripped off eyebrows - we look at the confusion and constant change that define middle school and the steadfast connection that defines family.

This book won the Newbery Medal in 2019.

If you like this book, you might also enjoy the sequel: Merci Suarez Can't Dance.

#### Who Wrote It?

Meg Medina is an award-winning and New York Times best-selling author who writes picture books, as well as middle grade and young adult fiction. Her works have been called 'heartbreaking,' 'lyrical' and 'must haves for every collection.' When she's not writing, Meg works on community projects that support girls, Latino youth, and/or literacy. She is a faculty member of Hamline University's Masters of Fine Arts in Children's



Literature
and lives
with her
family in
Richmond,
Virginia. You
can learn
more about
Meg on her
website:
www.MegMedi
na.com.

AR Reading Level: 4.8

Lexile Level: 700L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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# BRAIN BREAK SHEETS



JANUARY 2025



#### FOR EACH BRAIN BREAK YOU WILL FIND:

- 1.Link to the YouTube video version (all around 8-11 minutes)
- 2. Student answer sheets
- 3. Modified student answer sheets for students of different ages/abilities
- 4. Printable question and answer sheets (to use with or without the video)
- 5. Answer key
- 6.List of additional considerations, applications and implementation ideas
- 7. ALL SORTS OF FUN!!:)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Play the video showcasing 20-30 themed trivia questions.
- 2. Using the the provided printable worksheets, or scratch paper, have students record their guesses.
- 3. During the answer portion of the slideshow/video pause to allow students to share out or discuss their ideas/guesses with the whole class, in small groups or in partnerships.
  - a.This step is optional, but I find that if you want to get your students talking, it works great. If you need a few minutes of silence... you can ban conversation and it works—just fine that way too!
- 4. Reveal final answers.
- 5. Total up scores
- 6. Record scores on the leaderboard (page 18)

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/IDEAS**

1. This activity can be used as a brain break, ice breaker or fun game.

2.In my classes we keep our teams the same for an entire quarter. We have a "leader board" where we keep a running score for all of our brain break games. This is great for team building or creating comradery in a classroom learning environment.:)

3. You can assign this to individuals (ie: in Google Classroom) to do on their own, or complete the challenge as a whole class activity using a screen and projector.

4. This activity can work well in person or via distanced learning.

5.Because the videos are on YouTube, this is an activity that students can easily try/repeat at home with family members. :)

6.Consider letting a classroom helper or leader be the "game show host" and call on classmates to share their ideas and reveal the answers.



# January Brain Break LEADERBOARD

In each square record either the # of points a team earned, or their place (1st, 2nd, etc.) The method you choose will determine whether the winner will be the team with the highest or lowest score.

_	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
TEAM 1#					
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TEAM #3	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
	Wook 1	Wook 2	Wook 2	Wook 4	Total
EA # 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
EAM #2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
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## Trivia Game Video Link

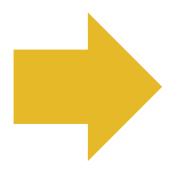
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# <u>NEW YEAR'S TRIVIA VIDEO</u>



This link will take you to the YouTube Video of Newbery Award trivia questions:

Or, use this QR code!







## New Year's Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Write your answers on
the lines below.

Video
Quiz -->



Name/Team Name:	
1	11
2	12
3	13
4	14
5	15
6	16
7	17
8	18
9	19
10	20

How did you do? Are you a Newbery Award Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!

Score: \_\_\_\_/ 20



### New Year's Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Write your answers on the lines below.

Video Quiz -->



Name	e/Te	am	Name	e:								
1: A	В	C	D				11. True or False					
2: A	В	C	D				12:	Α	В	C	D	
3: A	В	C	D				13:	Α	В	C	D	
4: True or False					14:	Α	В	C	D			
5: A	В	C	D				15:	Α	В	C	D	
6: A	В	C	D				16:	Tru	ie o	r Fa	lse	
7: A	В	C	D				17:	Α	В	C	D	
8: True or False				18:	Α	В	C	D				
9: A	В	C	D				19:	Α	В	C	D	
10: A	В	C	D									

How did you do?
Are you a
Newbery Award
Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!

Score: \_\_\_/ 20

20: A B C D

d) Pajamas

b) Comfy Socks c) Red Underwear

a) A New Hat



- True or False? People of outside the USA and those of other cultures observe the new year at other times depending on their different calendars.
  - a) True b) False
- Why did firecrackers and noisemakers become apart of New Years traditions?
  - a) Fun and Colorful b) To scare away any evil spirits
  - d) Seen/Heard for miles around c) Cheap Entertainment
- 13 How many pounds of confetti are dropped on the crowd in Times Square at midnight?
  - a) 200 pounds
- b) 500 pounds
- c) 2,000 pounds
- d) 5,000 pounds
- 14 What was the original Time Square Ball made of?
  - A) Iron b) Wood
- c) Light bulbs
- d) All of the Above
- 15 The Times Square NYE ball is now made of 2,688 Waterford Crystal triangles which are bolted to 672 LED modules and attached to the aluminum frame of the Ball. How much does it weigh?
  - a) 1,000 pounds
- b) 6,000 pounds
- c) 11,000 pounds
- d) 16,000 pounds
- 16 The New Year's Eve Ball hasn't missed a year since its 1907 introduction.
  - a) True b) False
- What major league sport often plays an outdoor game on New Year's Day for an event called the Winter Classic?

  - a) Hockey (NHL) b) Basketball (NBA)
- c) Football (NFL)
- d) Baseball (MLB)



- In some Asian countries, people eat this food to symbolize their desire to live a long life.
  - a) 12 grapes
    - b) Long noodles
- c) Dumplings
- d) Fish
- 19 The island nation Kiribati rings in the new year first. Which country is the last?
  - a) Cape Verde (Spanish Isles) b) American Samoa
  - c) Los Angeles, USA d) Russia
- What percentage of people give up on their New Years Resolutions by February?
  - a) 50%
- b) 60%
- c) 70%
- d) 80%



## New Year's Award Trivia Answer Key

Directions:
If you'd like to check
student answers without
the video, here is the
answer key.

## **ANSWER KEY**

- 1. A) Babylonians
- 2. C) animal
- 3. C) 45
- 4. False
- 5. C) 1,000,000
- 6. A) Russia
- 7. D) Baby New Year
- 8. True
- 9. A) Times Gone By
- 10. C) Red Underware

- 11. True
- 12. B) To scare away evil spirits
- 13. C) 2,000 pounds
- 14. D) All of the Above
- 15. C) 11,000 pounds
- 16. False
- 17. A) Hockey (NHL)
- 18. B) Long Noodles
- 19. B) American Samoa
- 20. D) 80%

Thanks for playing! Check out more Brain Brains on YouTube!

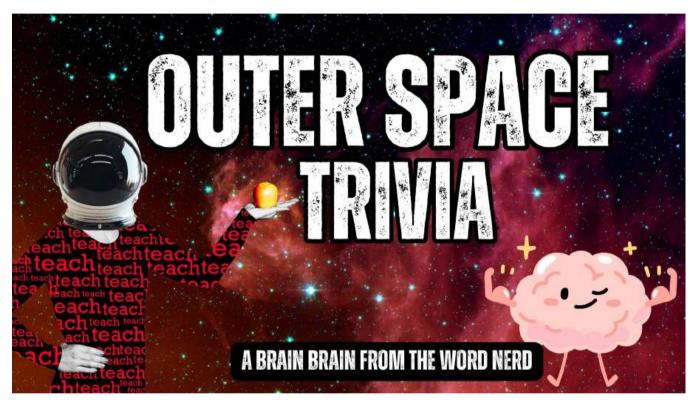
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## Trivia Game Video Link

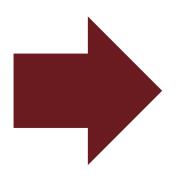
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# **OUTER SPACE TRIVIA VIDEO**

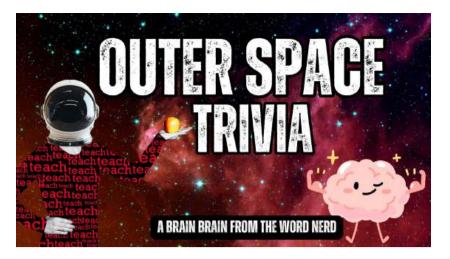


This link will take you to the YouTube Video of Outer Space trivia questions: https://youtu.be/x\_zLRZawRcE

Or, use this QR code!







#### Outer Space Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Write your answers on
the lines below.

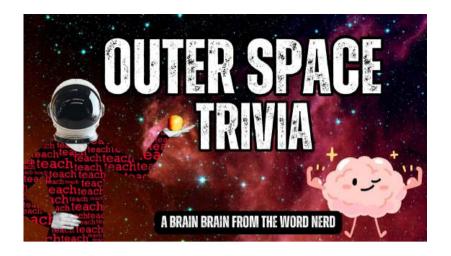
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How did you do? Are you a STAR when it comes to Outer Space Trivia?!?!

Score: \_\_\_\_/ 20



#### Outer Space Trivia Answer Sheet

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Video Quiz -->



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10: A	В	C	D							

How did you do?
Are you a STAR when it comes to Outer Space
Trivia?!?!?!

Score: \_\_\_/ 20

20: A B C D



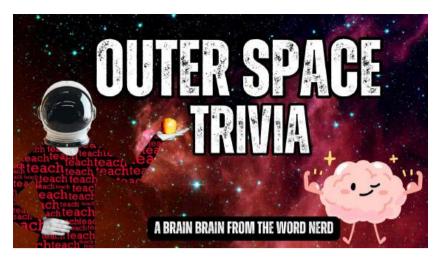
- b) 250,000 light years a) 1,000 light Years c )500,000 Light Years d) 1 million Light years
- How long does it take for sunlight to reach the earth? a) 6 minutes b) 7 minutes c) 8 minutes d) 9 minutes



- b) Jupiter c) Saturn a) Uranus d) Neptune
- 14 What is the name of the first artificial satellite launched into space?
  - a) Explorer b) sputnik c) Aerial d) Asterix



- a) Rosa Johnson b) Sally Ride c) Emily Calandrelli d) Mae Jemison
- 16 What celebrity paid for a private spaceflight and traveled with Blue Origin in 2021.
  - a) William Shatner b) Jeff Bezos c) Justin Bieber d) Will Smith
- 17 What was the first sport played in outer space?
  - a) football b) frisbee c) golf d) basketball
- 18 Who holds the title of "first human in space"?
  - a) Neil Armstrong b) Yuri Gagarin c) Alan Shepard d) John Glenn
- In Apollo 13 which famous line is uttered when a problem arises during the mission?
  - a) Smoke and fire! b) Houston, we have a problem!
  - c) We're in dire straits! d) Mission critical is in jeopardy!
- What was the first private company to doc at the International space station?
  - a) Space X b) Blue Origin c) Astroscale d) Virgin Galactic



## Outer Space Award Trivia Answer Key

Directions:

If you'd like to check
student answers without the
video, here is the answer key.

Video Quiz -->



## **ANSWER KEY**

1. D) one million

2. B) supernova

3. B) Venus

4. C) Wall-E

5. A) Mars

6. D) -450 degrees Celsius

7. B) 1958

8. D) 10

9. B) 90 Minutes

10. C) Perseverance

11. A) 1,000 Light Years

12. C) 8 minutes

13. A) Uranus

14. B) Sputnik

15. B) Sally Ride

16. A) William Shatner

17. C) Golf

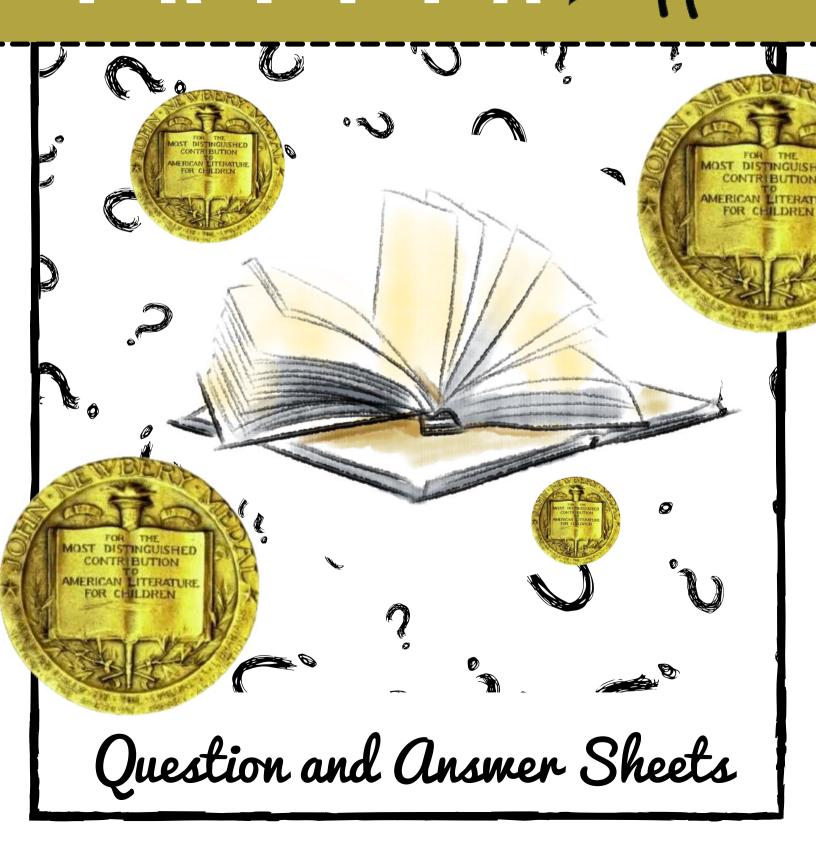
18. B) Yuri Gagarin

19. B) Houston, we have a problem!

20. A) Space X

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#### The History of the Newbery Award

The John Newbery Medal is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding American book for children. The award has been given since 1922. Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most prestigious award for children's literature in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century publisher of juvenile books.

#### Why is the Newbery Award Given?

The Newbery Award is given "to encourage original creative work in the field of books for children. To emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels. To give those librarians, who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests, an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field. The Newbery Award thus became the first children's book award in the world. Its terms, as well as its long history, continue to make it the best known and most discussed children's book award in this country."

#### The Medal

The Newbery Medal was designed by Rene Paul Chambellan in 1921 and depicts on the reverse, an author giving his work (a book) to a male and female child to read. A bronze medal is given to the author at an important ceremony. A sticker of the medal is then placed on the books. The medal shall be awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in English during the preceding year. The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for educational content or popularity. It can be given for fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

#### **Newbery Honor Books**

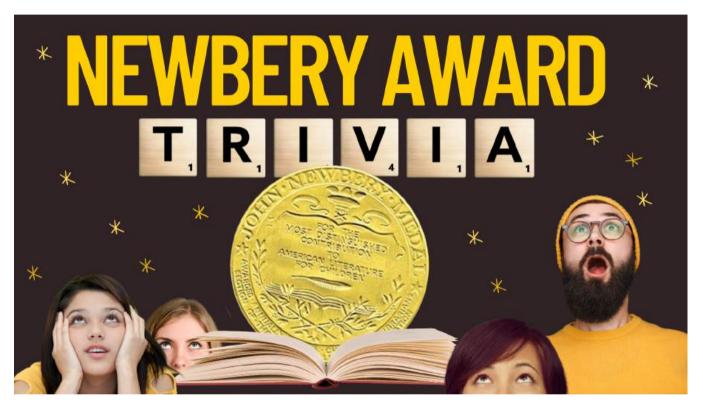
The runners – up for the Newbery Award are called honor books. Honor books have this seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the "greats" for that year as well. Usually 2-4 honor books are chosen each year.



## Trivia Game Video Link

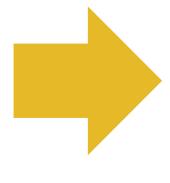
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## **NEWBERY AWARD TRIVIA VIDEO**

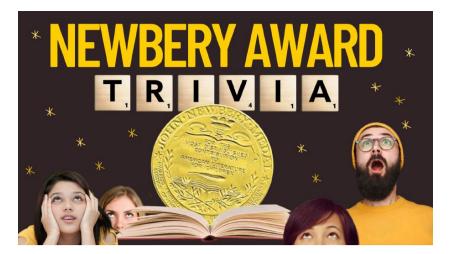


This link will take you to the YouTube Video of Newbery Award trivia questions: <a href="https://youtu.be/6to5SrqVyis?">https://youtu.be/6to5SrqVyis?</a><a href="mailto:sub\_confirmation=1">sub\_confirmation=1</a>

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#### Newbery Award Trivia Answer Sheet

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Write your answers on
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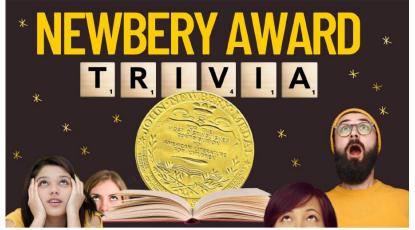
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Quiz -->



Name/Team Name:	
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3	13
4	14
5	15
6	16
7	17
8	18
9	19
10	20

How did you do? Are you a Newbery Award Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!

Score: \_\_\_/20



Newbery Award Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!

### Newbery Award Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions: Write your answers on the lines below.



	Quiz> 23 73 8
Name/Team Name:	
1: 1902 or 1922 or 1942	11. True or False
2: A B C D	12: True or False
3: A B C D	13: A B C D
4: True or False	14: True or False
5: A B C D	15: A B C D
6: A B C D	16: True or False
7: A B C D	17: A B C D
8: True or False	18: F B
9: A B C D	won the N A 19: A B C D
10: S and P	20: L
F	I
How did you do? Are you a	W

Score: \_\_\_

Are you a Newbery Award Trivia Rockstar? Take this Trivia quiz and see! ewbery Award Trivia Video Name: What year was the Newbery Award first given? a) 1902 b) 1922 c) 1942 The award is named after John Newbery. What was his profession? b) dictionary printer c) publisher d) teacher 3 As of 2024, how many people have won the Newbery Medal more than once? b) 5 c) 4 d) 3 a) 6 True or False? More women have won the Newbery Award than men. a) True b) False 5 Who is the only person to have won both the Newbery and the Caldecott? a) Brian Selznick b) Dr. Seuss c) Ellen Raskin d)Robert Lawson Robin Mckinley is the youngest person to ever win the Newbery Medal. How old was she when she won it? a) 22 b) 29 c)35 d)41 7 What is the name of the artist that designed the Newbery Medal? a) Rene Paul Chambellan b) Barbara Elleman c) John Newbery d) Hendrick Willem Van Loon 8 True or False? The Newbery Medal is made of gold! a) True b) False As of 2024 How many poetry books have won the Newbery Award? a) 2 b )4 c) 6 d) 8 10 What father and son duo won the Newbery Award two years apart? S and P

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MOST DISTRICTION OF THE PROPERTY LITERATURE LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN	True or False? The same number of Newbery Honor Books are chosen each year.
NO CO	a) True b) False
12	True or False? The author of the winning book must be a citizen of the United States of America.  a) True b) False
13	How many nonfiction books have won the Newbery Award?
	a) 3 b)7 c) 12 d) 26
14	True or False? The same person designed both the Newbery and Caldecott Medals.
	a) True b) False
	How often is the Newbery Award given?  a) twice a year b) once a year c) once every other year d) once every 5 years
16	True or False? The Newbery award can NOT be given to a graphic Novel.  a) True b) False
17	What has been the highest number of Newbery Honor Medals given in any one year?  a) 5 b) 8 c) 11 d) 16
18	When it comes to the Newbery Award, what do Christopher Paul Curtis and Kate DiCamillo have in common?
	Their F B won the N A!!
19	How many Newbery Award winning books have less than 100 pages?!?!  a) 1 b)3 c)5 d) 7
20	Which famous female Midwest author won 5 Newbery Honor medals, but never a Newbery?
	Picture hints in video quiz! L   W
<b>X</b> .	,



### Newbery Award Trivia Answer Key

Directions:
If you'd like to check student answers without the video, here is the answer key.

### **ANSWER KEY**

- 1. 1922
- 2. C) publisher
- 3. A) 6
- 4. True
- 5. D) Robert Lawson
- 6. C) 35
- 7. A) Rene Paul Chambellan
- 8. False
- 9. B) 4
- 10. Sid and Paul Fleischman

- 11. False
- 12. True
- 13. B) 7
- 14. True
- 15. B) Once a year
- 16. False
- 17. B) 8
- 18. Their 1st book won the Newbery Award
- 19. D) 7
- 20. Laura Ingalls Wilder

Thanks for playing! Check out more Brain Brains on YouTube!

Score: \_\_\_\_/ 20



### Trivia Game Video Link

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## WINTER OLYMPIC TRIVIA VIDEO



This link will take you to the YouTube Video of Winter Olympic Trivia questions: <a href="https://youtu.be/8107j167fRY?">https://youtu.be/8107j167fRY?</a><a href="mailto:sub-confirmation=1">sub-confirmation=1</a></a>





Name/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Winter Olympic Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
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Trivia Video



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4	_ 14
5	_ 15
6	_ 16
7	_ 17
8	_ 18
9	_ 19
10	_ 20

How did you do? Are you a Winter Olympic Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!

Score: \_\_\_\_/ 20



### Winter Olympic Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Write your answers on the lines below.

Trivia Video



Name/Team Name:	

- 1. A B C D
- 2. A B C D
- 3. A B C D
- 4. True or False
- 5. A B C D
- 6. A B C D
- 7. A B C D
- 8. True or False
- 9. I
- 10. A B C D
- 11. A B C D
- 12. A B C D
- 13. True or False
- 14. A B C D
- 15. A B C D
- 16. Bobsled or Skeleton
- 17. A B C D
- 18. A B C D
- 19. A B C D
- 20. A B C D

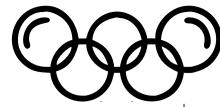
How did you do? Are you a the World Cup Trivia

CHAMPION?

Score: \_\_\_\_/20 www.amandazieba.com



## Winter Olympic



Trivia Video

The 1st Winter Olympics had 258 athletes from 16 countries and took place in which country?

- A) Canada
- B) France
- C) Norway
- D) Russia

2 How many countries participated in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics?

A) 56

Name:

- B) 78
- C) 91
- D) 104

3 How many countries have participated in every Winter Olympic Games?

- A) 8
- B) 12
- C) 16
- D) 20

4 True or False? The Winter Olympics have never been held in the Southern Hemisphere.

A) True B) False

5 During his 1936 cross country skiing race, what did a Finnish skier spit in the snow?

- A) Blood
- B) Gum
- C) Dentures
- D) Vomit

The 42 pound stone used to make "the rock" in curling is a rare and dense granite quarried from...

- A) India
- B) Peru
- C) Croatia
- D) Scotland

7 How much did NBC pay for the rights to be the sole U.S. broadcaster of the Olympics from 2012-2032?

- A) \$1.2 million
- B) \$12 million
- C) \$1.2 Billion
- D) \$12 Billion

True or False: The 1993 Disney movie Cool Runnings about a Jamaican bobsled team at the Olympics was inspired by a true story.

- A)True B) False
- 9 What do speed skating, ice hockey, curling and figuring skating have in common... a similarity that isn't true for any of the Winter Olympics events?

  They are the only 4 Winter Olympic Sports...
- Throughout the years, which country has won the most Winter Olympic medals?
  - A) Norway
- B) USA
- C) Germany
- D) Austria





### Winter Olympic Trivia Answer Key

Directions:
If you'd like to check student answers without the video, here is the answer key.

### Trivia Video



### **ANSWER KEY**

1. B) France

11. A) lack of snow

2. C) 91

12. B) 1968

3. B) 12

13. True

4. True

14. B) USA

5. C) Dentures

15. C) Japan

6. D) Scotland

16. Skeleton Sled

7. D) 12 billion

17. D) World War 2

8. True

18. B) Faster, Higher, Stronger

9. Indoors

19. C) The hosting country

10. A) Norway

20. C) 1960

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## WRITING PROMPT SHEETS



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How do we get better at any skill? We practice. If you want to be a better free-throw shooter, you get on the line and shoot free throws. If you want to be a faster swimmer, you get in the pool. The same is true for writing. The more we do it, the better we get.

In my classroom, this looks like ten minutes of writing every day. We start at five minutes a day the first week and build up, adding a minute a week, until we reach ten. The prompts in this resource will help you make that practice fun and engaging and also purposeful. The prompts will cover a variety of high interest topics, purposes and forms including fiction, nonfiction, and reflections, with an emphasis on building stamina, idea generation, and enjoyment. When applicable, I call out the genre focus and/or specific skill being practiced. Also, below you can see a list of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that are routinely addressed and covered by doing these daily writing prompts.

### • Writing CCSS: W 6-8.2, W 6-8.3, W 6-8.4, W 6-8.5, W 6-8.9, W 6-8.10

If you want, keep these "curriculum and standard" pieces of information to yourself, go for it! There is no need to let the kids know we have a secret plan to trick them into being better writers and hating it a little bit less each day!

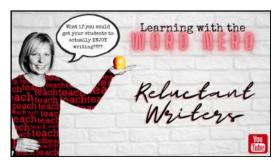
You can either print the following prompt pages for students to directly write on (and then keep in a folder/binder) or project the prompt (via these <u>SLIDES</u>) onto a whiteboard/screen and have students do their writing in a dedicated notebook. Whatever works best for you... go for it!

My hope is that the daily practice becomes something that students look forward to rather than dread. I hope that as students see the words and ideas pile up, their confidence grows. I hope that by having this resource of high-quality, ready to go prompts, your life will be made just little bit easier!

Happy Writing!

P.S. For more ideas on how to get reluctant writers going, watch <u>this video</u>.





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The following pages will be used multiple times throughout the resources, but are included just once to save space.

- Free Write Fridays
- Gem and Opportunity Feedback Sheets
- Writing Rubric Sheets





Task	0	1	2
Follows the prompt and stays on topic			
Uses correct grammar/capitalization/punctuation			
Thoughts are clearly presented and easy to follow			
Length is appropriate			
Format is correct (letter, fiction story, news article, diary entry, etc.)			

Total Points = \_\_\_/10

### WRITING PROMPTS



# ▼ Rubric

Task	0	1	2
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Total Points = \_\_\_/10

My Name:

Name of classmate I am reviewing:

Date:

Title of Piece/Date Written



LIST SEVERAL THINGS THE WRITERS DOES WELL

- \*
- \*
- \*
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- \*
- \*

## OPPORTUNITIES

LIST OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WRITER TO IMPROVE

- \*
- \*
- \*
- \*
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## FINAL COMMENTS

WRITE ANY FINAL COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK HERE:



Name of classmate I am reviewing: My Name:

Title of Piece/Date Written



OPPORTUNITIES

LIST OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WRITER TO IMPROVE

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WRITERS DOES WELL

FINAL COMMENTS
WRITE ANY FINAL COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK HERE:



Name of classmate I am reviewing: My Name: Date: Title of Piece/Date Written



LIST OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WRITER TO IMPROVE

LIST SEVERAL THINGS THE

OPPORTUNITIES

WRITERS DOES WELL

FINAL COMMENTS
WRITE ANY FINAL COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK HERE:

Use this rubric to first communicate your writing expectations to students and then to evaluate the writing products they create. Students and/or peers can also use this rubric to self/peer score/evaluate the pieces of writing.

The rubric can be found at the bottom of each prompt for easy access for both you and your students. There is also a page with 3 rubrics to print and cut for use with this or other writing tasks.

I assign 2 points if the task was completed and done well, 1 if the task was attempted but not mastered, and 0 if the task was not attempted at all.

Task	0	1	2
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## Again, the Writing CCSS routinely covered and practiced with these prompts include:

W 6-8.2, W 6-8.3, W 6-8.4, W 6-8.5, W 6-8.9, W 6-8.10

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Comments:

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Thoughts are clearly presented and easy to follow			
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Total Points = \_\_\_/10

Comments:

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Total Points = \_\_\_/10

Comments:

# Writing Prompts January 1-3

### Monday

December

### Tuesday

December

## Wednesday

The Flashlight

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Description

### Thursday

Full of Hot Air

Style/Skills: Word Choice Creative Writing

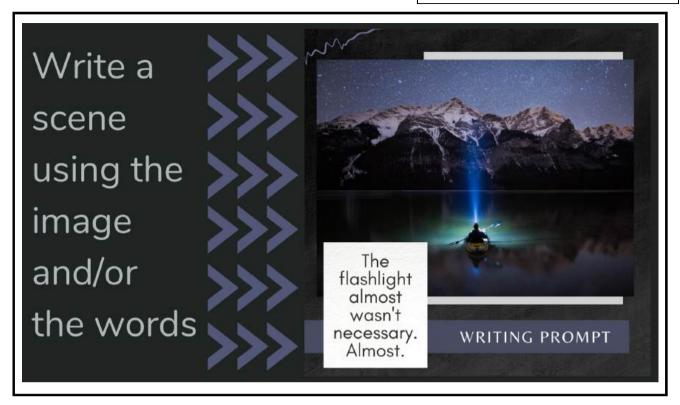
### Friday

Free Write Friday

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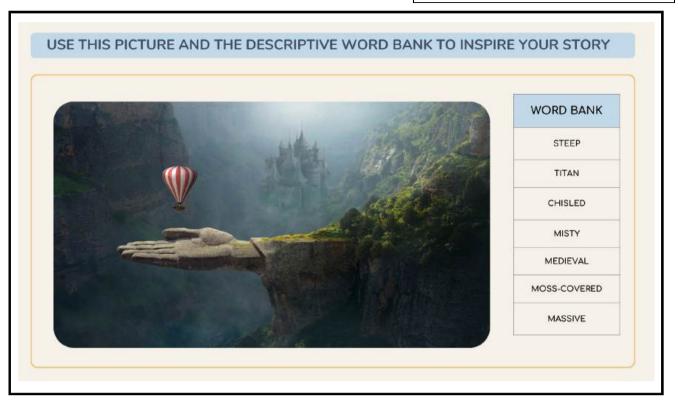



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# Writing Prompts January 6-10

### Monday

My Parents are Spies!

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Contemporary/Realistic Fiction

### Tuesday

Snow - Figuratively Speaking

Style/Skills: Figurative Language (simile)

### Wednesday

It's Alive!

Style/Skills: Creative Writing (Genre = Fantasy Adventure)

### Thursday

All the Feels

Style/Skills: Personal Reflection

## Friday

Free Write Friday

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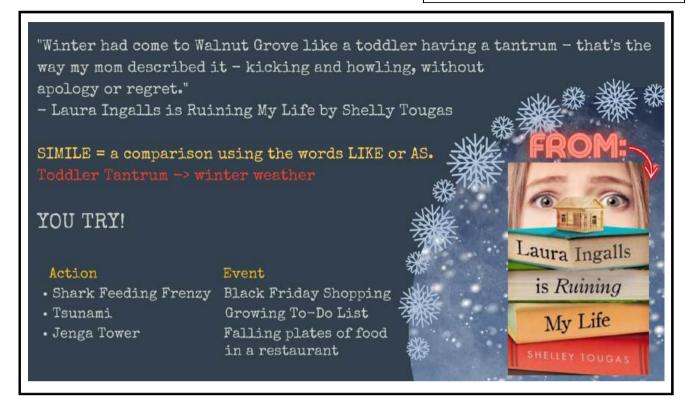


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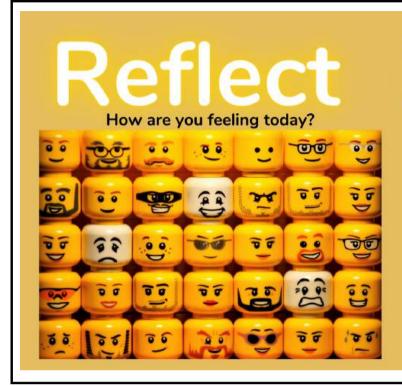


What happens next?	
Leo loved Legos. Last week	
he built an epic display that	
included mountains, a river,	
and this explorer dude he	
named Geo. When the final	
brick was placed and Leo	
stuck Geo in the scene (with	
a map in hand), the little Lego	TO IT &
guy turned his plastic head	P P
and said, "Thanks, Leo."	الله والما

# ▼ Rubric

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Try to label your current emotion and then list a few reasons why you might be feeling that way.

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Task	0	1	2
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Uses correct grammar/capitalization/punctuation			
Thoughts are clearly presented and easy to follow			
Length is appropriate			
Format is correct (letter, fiction story, news article, diary entry, etc.)			

Total Points = \_\_\_/10

# Writing Prompts January 13-17

### Monday

A Tropical Trip

Style/Skills: List Making Narrative Writing Story Element = Setting

### Tuesday

A Day with No Sun

Style/Skills:
Creative Writing
Genre - Science
Fiction
Curriculum
Connection to
science/astronomy

### Wednesday

A Vacation Documentary

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Career Connections/Exploration

### Thursday

Pick a Hat, Any Hat

Style/Skills: Story Element -Characterization

## Friday

Free Write Friday

Write whatever you'd like... including continuing a past prompt. :)





## Let's plan a trip!

Plan a trip to a tropical island.

For this prompt you can...

- List everything you need to take
- · Write a narrative
- · Describe your ideal setting
- Write the trip as an advertisement from a travel agent

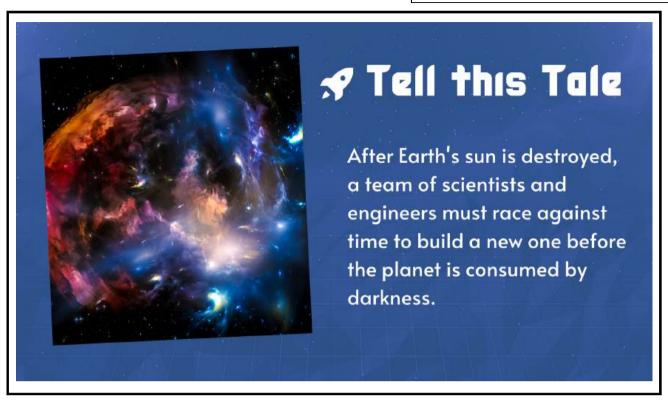


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## Rubric Rubric

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Total Points = \_\_\_/10

# Writing Prompts January 20-24

### Monday

Family of Entrepreneurs

Style/Skills: Curriculum (

Cúrriculum connection = business class Career Exploration Creative Writing

### Tuesday

**Magically Real** 

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Genre = Magical Realism

### Wednesday

Let's Talk About a Trip

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Dialogue

### Thursday

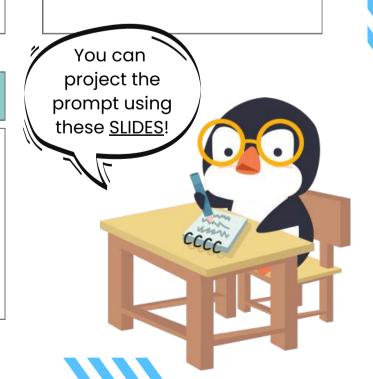
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Style/Skills: Social Emotional Learning

## Friday

Free Write Friday

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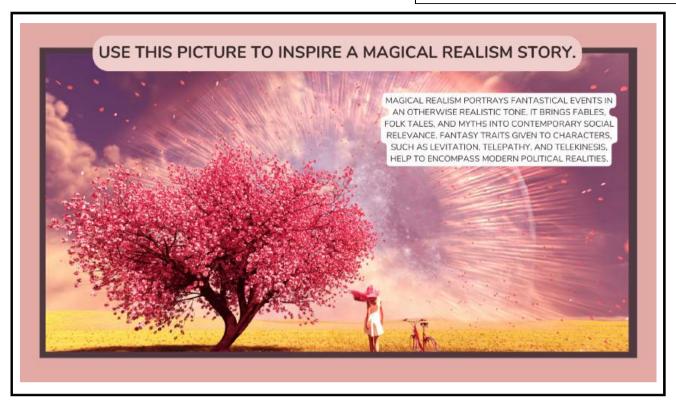


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Total Points = \_\_\_/10





# Rubric

Task	0	1	2
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Length is appropriate			
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--No Passengers Beyond this Point

bu Jennifer Choldenko

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**NEW TEACHER** 

DISCOVERING A FAMILY SECRET

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## Writing Prompts January 27-31

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A Concert with a View

Style/Skills: Point of View

Format: Diary Entry

### Tuesday

**Special Delivery** 

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Genre: Realistic Fiction

### Wednesday

Top 5

Style/Skills: Personal Reflection **Goal Setting** 

### Thursday

Before or After?

Style/Skills: Creative Writing Word Choice (Time Words)

## Friday

Free Write Friday

Write whatever you'd like... including continuing a past prompt. :)





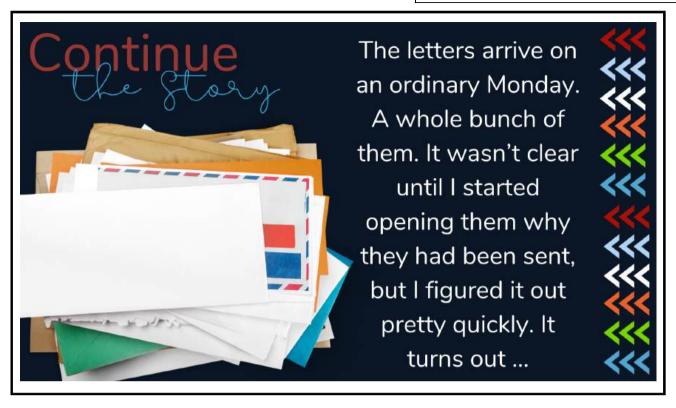


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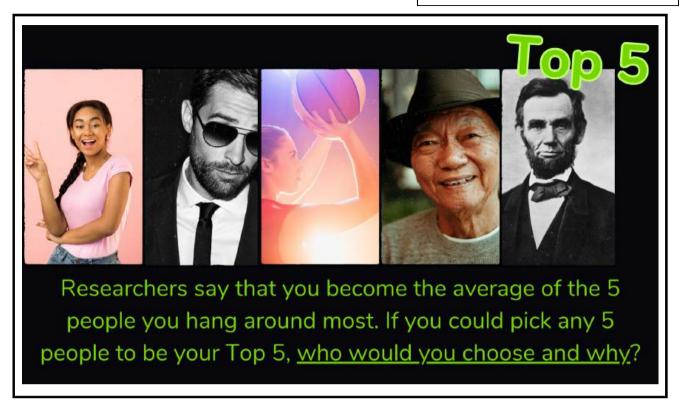


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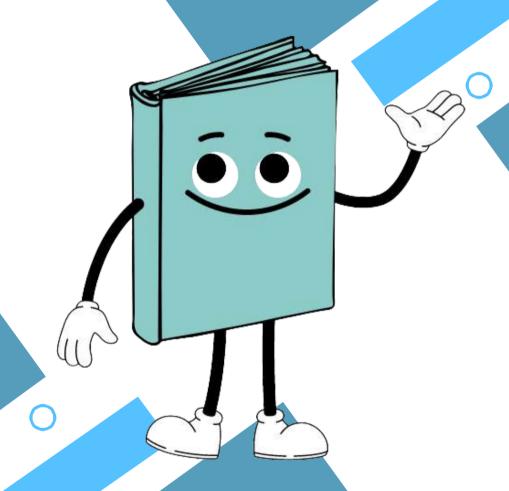
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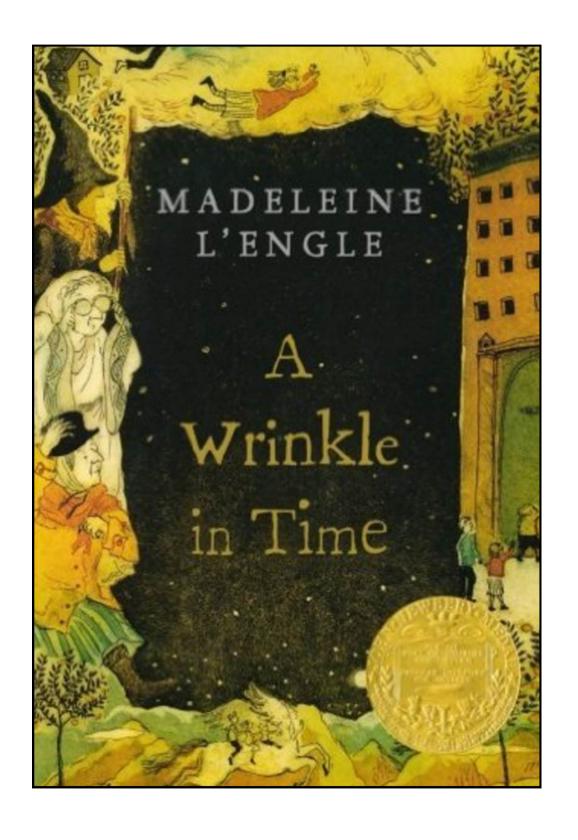
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# LESSONS



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### A WRINKLE IN TIME NOVEL UNIT





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#### Dear Teacher friend,

Thank you so much for downloading this set of quizzes. I hope that you find them useful while you are teaching this classic novel. Before we begin, a few words of wisdom from the author herself.

"Like it or not, we either add to the darkness of indifference and outand-out evil which surrounds us, or we light a candle to see by."

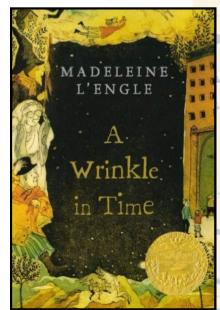
- Madeline L'Engle

I hope this guide can be a light for you as you teach. I hope this novel can be a light for your students as they navigate the treacherous waters of middle school. I hope that you can find the energy to be a positive light in your students' lives.

Included in this line up of resources, you will find a quiz for each chapter as

well as an answer key for each quiz. There is also a vocabulary power point and reader's response journal that has material for each chapter. Finally, there is an interactive bulletin board that will be a great end of reading activity!

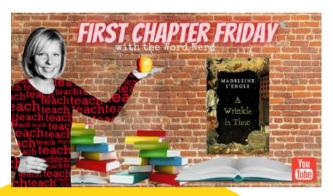
Happy Teaching, Amanda Zieba



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### **Additional Novel Resources**

To access each of these resources, head to www.amandazieba.com/a-wrinkle-in-time-resources. Use the code AWRINKLEINTIME (all caps, no spaces). Then you'll be able to download each one.



#### **VOCABULARY POWER POINT**

This 100 slide presentation covers several vocabulary words from the Newbery award winning novel, A Wrinkle in Time. Organized by chapters, each set of words is defined and shows a graphic depicting its meaning. This resource is a very visual way for students to learn about and understand the somewhat complicated language of this classic story. There are 3-7 vocabulary words selected for each chapter.



#### READER'S RESPONSE JOURNAL

Click the underlined title or the image to the left to view and utilize this reader's response journal. It contains 14 journal writing prompts (one for each chapter, one pre reading prompt and one post reading prompt) as well as a scoring rubric. Keep your students thinking critically throughout this classic novel with these higher level thinking questions that require evidence and personal connections. Questions could be posted in an online discussion forum, emailed directly to students or printed in a packet for delivery.



#### Interactive Bulletin Board

Click the underlined title or the image to the left to view and utilize this resource. In the novel, A Wrinkle in Time, the main characters must fight the evil IT, which sometimes takes the form of a black shadow. Near the middle of the book the characters learn that goodness, as symbolized by light, is the only thing that can

defeat IT/The Black Thing. The author highlights good works of musicians, artists, social activists and others who successfully fought against the evil in the world. This interactive bulletin board will help your students think about way in which they can do the same, making real life connections to this fictional text as they write out and display how they would choose to fight for the light. (This product includes two different templates/layouts to choose from.)

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- a. Meg's principal
- b. a neighbor
- c. Mrs. Whatsit
- d. the tramp

#### 3. Which character has met the visitor before?

- a. Mrs. Murry
- b. Meg
- c. the twins, Sandy and Dennys
- d. Charles Wallace

### 4. Choose one physical trait to describe Meg Murry.

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- b. trendy clothes
- c. a bruised face
- d. short

### 5. Choose one personality trait to describe Meg Murry.

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- a. Perfect, she loves going there.
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- d. Mrs. Which and Mrs. Who

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- a. transform into a half-horse creature
- b. become suddenly brilliant (smart)
- c. to time travel
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### 3. How do you fight the Black Thing?

- a. In a bloody battle
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  - a. Mars
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  - c. Camazotz
  - d. Venus
- 4. When Meg, Charles Wallace and Calvin enter the town on this planet, what do they think is odd about the children?
  - a. They aren't children, just really small adults.
  - b. They speak a strange language.
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- a. A building made completely of windows
- b. A fancy building covered in golden statues
- c. A plain white marble building
- d. A green building without doors

### 2. How does the Man with Red Eyes communicate with the children?

- a. with a foreign language
- b. though sign language
- c. through their minds, without speaking aloud
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#### 3. What meal did the Man with Red Eyes offer the children?

- a. Turkey Dinner
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### A WRINKLE IN TIME CHAPTER 8 QUIZ

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### 1. After eating the food given to them by the Man with Red Eyes, Charles suddenly changes his attitude and becomes excessively happy. Why doesn't this make Meg happy?

- a. She is jealous that she doesn't feel happy.
- b. She thinks they should all be upset until they find their father.
- c. She knows he is only acting this way because he is hypnotized.
- d. She is happy, she's just trying to hide her real emotions.

# 2. Meg and Calvin repeatedly question Charles Wallace on their way to Mr. Murry. In response, what does Charles Wallace warn them he will do?

- a. Send them to IT
- b. Send them to a special prison in Camazotz
- c. Send them to a two-dimensional planet
- d. Put them to sleep

### 3. Charles Wallace's strange, MONOTONOUS voice, ground against her ears. What does the word MONOTONOUS mean?

- a. painfully high pitched
- b. a single speaking tone, like a robot
- c. a sandpaper quality of the voice
- d. a smooth silky quality of the voice

### 4. Who do the main characters see in a "see-through-jail-cell" (transparent column) at the end of chapter 8?

- a. Mrs. Whatsit
- b. Meg's Father
- c. Fortinbras
- d. Mrs. Murry

### 5. True or False. The main characters have met IT.

- a. True
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  - b. She thinks they should all be upset until they find their father.
  - c. She knows he is only acting this way because he is hypnotized.
  - d. She is happy, she's just trying to hide her real emotions.
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  - b. Send them to a special prison in Camazotz
  - c. Send them to a two-dimensional planet
  - d. Put them to sleep
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  - b. Meg's Father
  - c. Fortinbras
  - d. Mrs. Murry
- 5. True or False. The main characters have met IT.
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  - b. False



### A WRINKLE IN TIME CHAPTER 9 QUIZ

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- a. To the Eiffel Tower in Paris
- b. Uriel
- c. Mars
- d. To see the Happy Medium

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- a. True
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- a. a magical cloack
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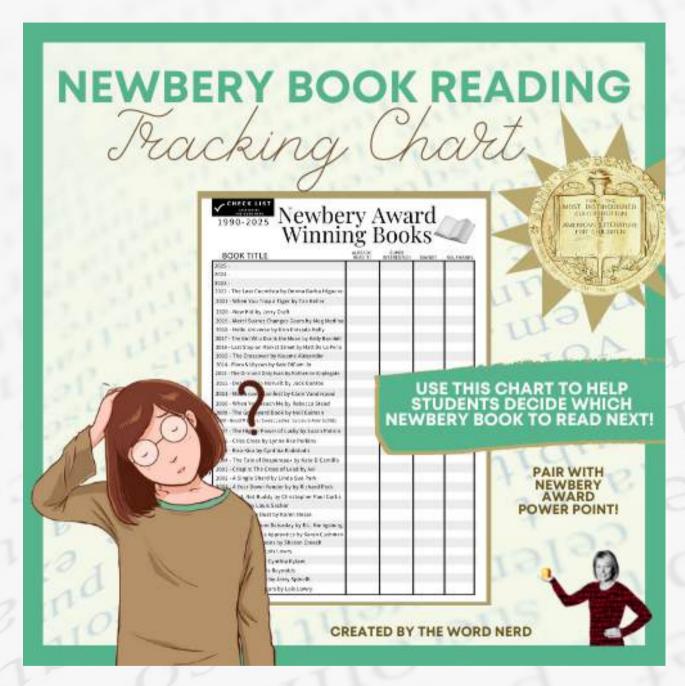
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# NEWBERY AWARD LESSONS



# NEWBERY BOOK READING TRACK CHART



There are lots of Newbery books to choose from, but it can be hard to decide which one to read next! Students can use this chart to record their level of interest as you book talk selections (or as you go through my Newbery Award Powerpoint). Then, when you go to the library, they have a few books preselected, plus the titles and authors they need to find the books on the shelves! Happy reading!



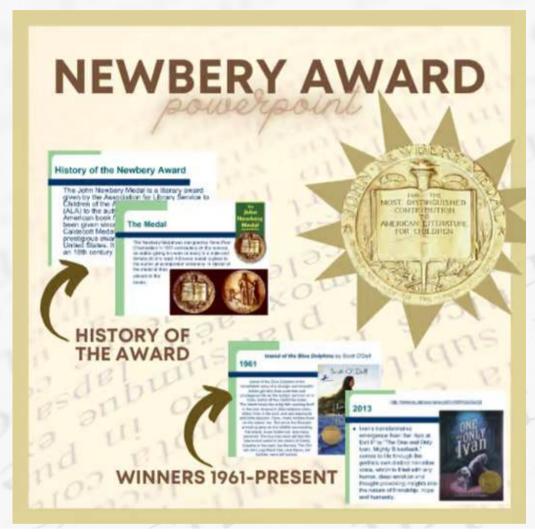
# Newbery Award Winning Books

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BOOK TITLE	ALREADY READ IT!	SUPER INTERESTED!	MAYBE?	NO, THANKS.
2025 -				
2024 - The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers				
2023 - Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson				
2022 - The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera				
2021 - When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller				
2020 - New Kid by Jerry Craft				
2019 - Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina				
2018 - Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly				
2017 - The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill				
2016 - Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena				
2015 - The Crossover by Kwame Alexander				
2014 - Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo				
2013 - The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate				
2012 - Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos				
2011 - Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool				
2010 - When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead				
2009 - The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman				
2008 - Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! by Laura Amy Schlitz				
2007 - The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron				
2006 - Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins				
2005 - Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata				
2004 - The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo				
2003 - Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi				
2002 - A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park				
2001 - A Year Down Yonder by by Richard Peck				
2000 - Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis				
1999 - Holes by Louis Sachar				
1998 - Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse				
1997 - The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg				
1996 - The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman				
1995 - Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech				
1994 - The Giver by Lois Lowry				
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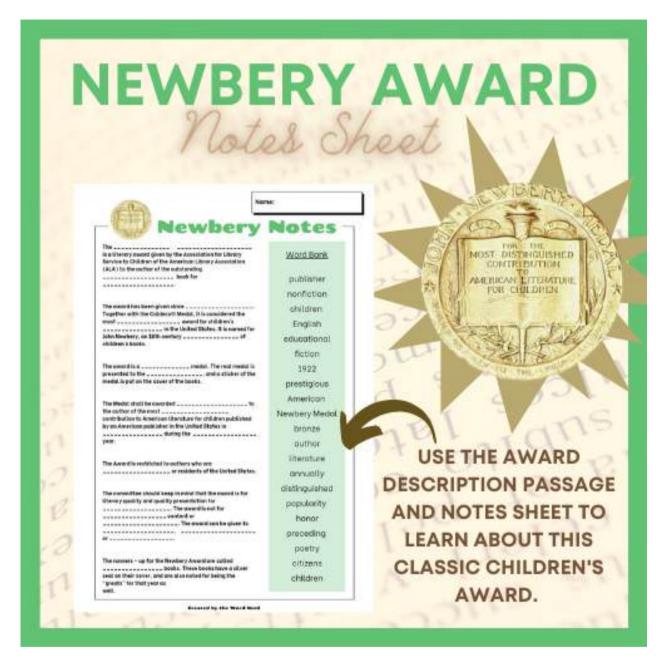
## NEWBERY BOOK POWER POINT



This power point is an easy way to introduce students to the history and vocabulary surrounding this prestigious literary award. The presentation begins with definitions for 10 related vocabulary words followed by an overview of the award. The last portion of the show highlights the award winning titles from 1961-2022 including book covers, blurbs and (for some more recent titles) even book trailer videos and First Chapter Friday read aloud videos.

You can use this PowerPoint to not only introduce your students to Newbery Award history and requirements, but also over 60 award wining titles so they can select one to read for themselves. **TO ACCESS THE POWERPOINT, CLICK HERE**.

# NEWBERY AWARD HISTORY AND NOTE TAKING SHEET



The Newbery Award is an important part of children's literature and a great opportunity for educators to expose their students to high quality books that will engage, educate and entertain. Learn about the history of this prestigious through the description passage and use the accompanying fill-in-the-blank sheet to work with targeted vocabulary to improve memory of the concepts as well as note taking skills.

Created by the Word Nerd

#### The History of the Newbery Award

The John Newbery Medal is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding American book for children. The award has been given since 1922. Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most prestigious award for children's literature in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century publisher of juvenile books.

#### Why is the Newbery Award Given?

The Newbery Award is given "to encourage original creative work in the field of books for children. To emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels. To give those librarians, who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests, an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field. The Newbery Award thus became the first children's book award in the world. Its terms, as well as its long history, continue to make it the best known and most discussed children's book award in this country."

#### The Medal

The Newbery Medal was designed by Rene Paul Chambellan in 1921 and depicts on the reverse, an author giving his work (a book) to a male and female child to read. A bronze medal is given to the author at an important ceremony. A sticker of the medal is then placed on the books. The medal shall be awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in English during the preceding year. The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for educational content or popularity. It can be given for fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

#### **Newbery Honor Books**

The runners – up for the Newbery Award are called honor books. Honor books have this seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the "greats" for that year as well. Usually 2-4 honor books are chosen each year.

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The award is a **bronze** medal. The real medal is presented to the **author**, and a sticker of the medal is put on the cover of the books.

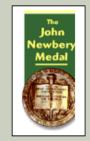
The Medal shall be awarded **annually** to the author of the most **distinguished** contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in the United States in **English** during the **preceding** year.

The Award is restricted to authors who are **citizens** or residents of the United States

The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for **children**. The award is not for **educational** content or **popularity**.

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Visit the <u>ALA website</u> and read the information in the criteria section. Then, complete the Newbery Medal criteria list below.

•	Criteria = book characteristics to be measured
1.	a. How are the characters are described and explained? b. Do they feel like a real person to you?
2.	a. Are the events easily understood and followed?
3.	a. Are the time and place well described? b. Are they believable? c. Can you see it in your imagination?
4.	a. Does the author clearly communicate a message to the reader? b. Can you walk away with a major lesson learned? c. Did the book leave a lasting impression on you?
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#### Answer Key

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- 2. Development of Plot
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- 3. Development of Setting
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- 4. Interpretation of theme or Concept
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  - a. Is the information accurate?
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- 6. Appropriateness of Style
  - a. Did the author communicate in a way that is appropriate for children?
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Name:



Pretend you are a judge on the Newbery committee. Use the award criteria to evaluate the book you have just finished reading. How does it measure up to these standards? For each item, place a check mark in the yes, somewhat or no column. Then answer the writing prompt below.

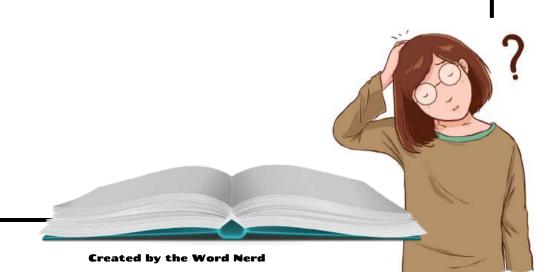
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# What Makes a Book GOOD!?!?

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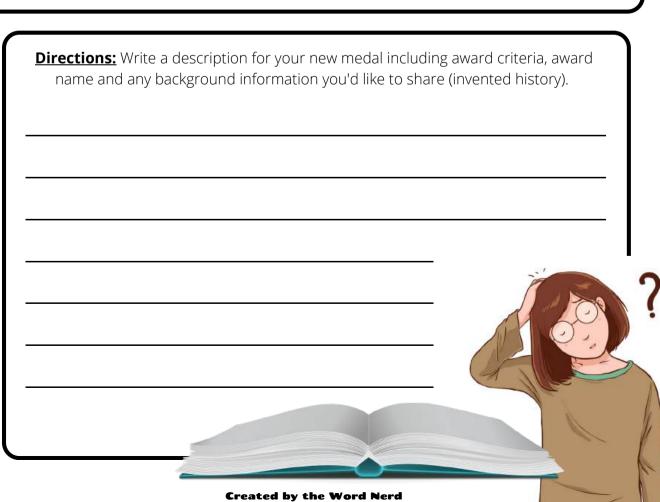
**<u>Directions:</u>** If you were an artist in charge of designing a new Newbery Medal, what would it look like? Shape? Color? Images used? Use this space to sketch your ideas.



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## Newbery Journal Write

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#### Newbery Journal Write Rubric

Task	2 points	1 point	0 points
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Neatness of Entry	Response journal looks as if the owner truly treasures their writing. Pages are flat and handwriting is easily read.	Your response journal has an occasional wrinkled page and handwriting that is somewhat difficult to read.	Your response journal has many ripped out or crumpled pages. The handwriting is very difficult to read so teacher cannot understand what you are trying to communicate.
Level of Completion	All elements of the question are fully answered using details and personal experiences where appropriate.  Journal entry addresses all important aspects of the question.	Most elements of the question are fully answered. Journal entry addresses some of the important aspects of the question.	Journal entry has minimal writing. You are missing major portions of the asked question or gave an incorrect answer (based on text reading).
Level of Thinking	Journal response shows deeper levels of thinking. You relate to the question in a relevant personal manner. You demonstrate that you understand what you are reading.	Journal response shows an attempt at deeper levels of thinking. You demonstrate that you understand most what you are reading, but you miss some key details or misunderstand a major topic.	Journal entry is off topic or irrelevant to question asked. You neglected to include story details or personal connections.  There are gaps in your understanding.

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- 10. True or False. The award is given to the most popular book each year.
- 11. True or False. The award is for children's books only.
- 12. The Newbery Award is judged by...
  - a. A group of librarians
  - b. A committee of people who know books and kids
  - c. A panel of principals
  - d. Kids vote on it each year
- 13. The Newbery Award is selected by looking at which of the following characteristics?
  - a. Best cover
  - b. Character explanation
  - c. Length of book
  - d. Most copies sold
- 14. The Newbery Award is selected by looking at which of the following characteristics?
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  - a. A group of librarians
  - b. A committee of people who know books and kids
  - c. A panel of principals
  - d. Kids vote on it each year
- 13. The Newbery Award is selected by looking at which of the following characteristics?
  - a. Best cover
  - b. Character explanation
  - c. Length of book
  - d. Most copies sold
- 14. The Newbery Award is selected by looking at which of the following characteristics?
  - a. Setting explanation
  - b. Plot Development
  - c. Organization and Presentation
  - d. All of the above





Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences below. Each word or phrase will be used only once.

**Word Bank** 

American	children's	chronological	conflict	guide
inference	personality	physical	plot	theme
	world	written		
The Newbery A	ward is given to the	best	bo	ook
	by an	autho	r.	
The setting of a live.	a book describes the		_ in which the	characters
The	of a book is w	hat happens in the	story.	
	or.der,	is putting events in	a list, accord	ing to the time
they happened				
An	is a gu	uess made by a read	der based on	the clues give
to them by the	author.			
tell the first and	words are bold d last word on each part of the outside.			A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR
Α	trai	t tells how a charac	cter acts or tr	eats others.
The		is who is tellin	g the story. (e	ex: a narrator)
A problem in a	story is called the _			
Thecommunicate t	of a book is to readers.	he main message th	ne authors wa	ents to

Score: \_\_\_\_/12





The Newbery Award is given to the best children's book written by an American author.

The setting of a book describes the **world** in which the characters live.

The **plot** of a book is what happens in the story.

Chronological order, is putting events in a list, according to the time they happened.

An **inference** is a guess made by a reader based on the clues given to them by the author.

Guide words are bolded words at the top of a dictionary page that tell the first and last word on each page. A physical trait tells how a character looks from the outside.

A **personality** trait tells how a character acts or treats others.

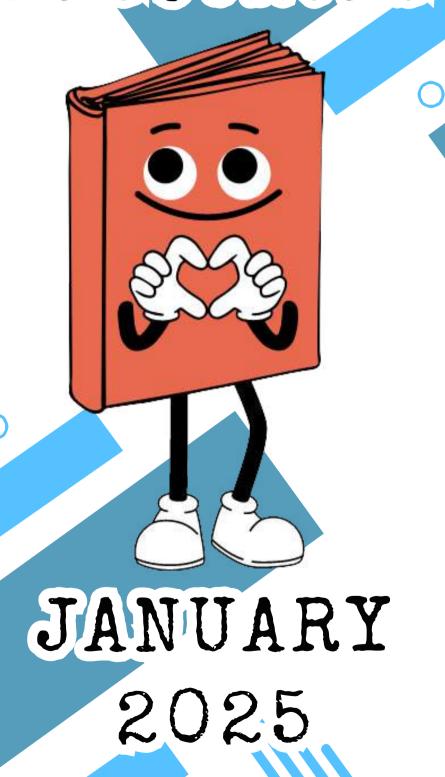
The **point of view** is who is telling the story. (ex: a narrator).

A problem in a story is called the **conflict**.

The **theme** of a book is the main message the authors wants to communicate to readers.



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



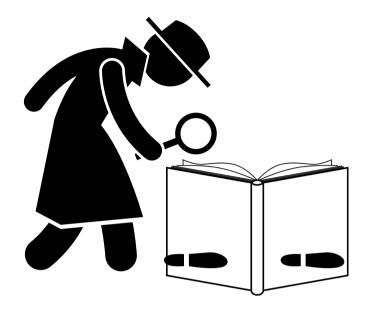
## EXERCISE WHILE YOU READ



PERFECT for teachers dealing with squirrely students and great for BRAIN BREAKS too! Heck, these bookish exercises are great for any bookworm who has been slacking on their step goal and needs to add a little movement to their life. If you had to choose between a workout and finishing the last few chapters of a book you've been wrapped up in, chances are you'd probably choose the book. But don't put your fitness goals on hold because you can't put your book down. There are plenty of workouts you can do while you read—supporting your physical and mental fitness. Great for you and your students!

HAPPY READING & EXERCISING!

#### BOOK COVER EXAMINATION

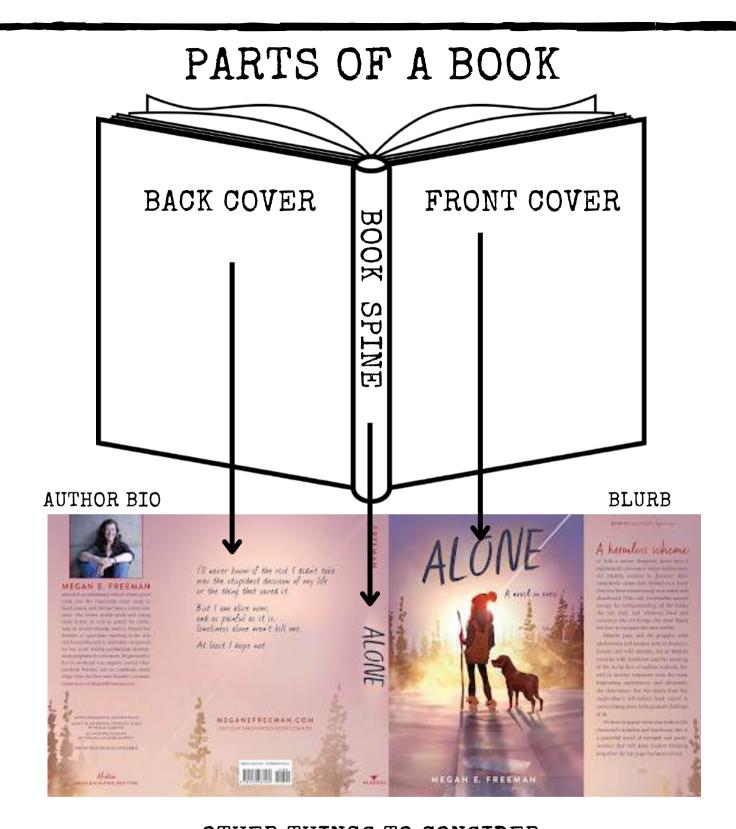


Ever notice that a book has two different covers?

There are lots of reasons why they do this! Sometimes a publishing company will update or modernize a book published a long time ago. Sometimes a book is turned into a movie and they want to put the actors on the cover.

With these worksheets, you'll be able to examine two different book covers for the same story and -

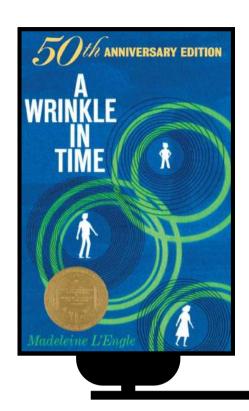
- · figure out which style you like the best
- learn different parts of a book cover
- analyze book cover styles

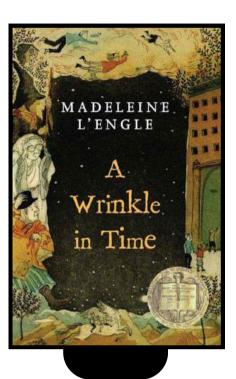


#### OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- PHOTOGRAPH OR ILLUSTRATION USED IN DESIGN
- FONT STYLE AND SIZE
- · AUTHOR'S NAME SIZE AND PLACEMENT
- USE OF SYMBOLISM/HINTS TO BOOK CONTENT
- ENDORSEMENT STATEMENTS/TAGLINES/ADDITIONAL TEXT ON COVER

#### WHICH COVER DO YOU LIKE BETTER?





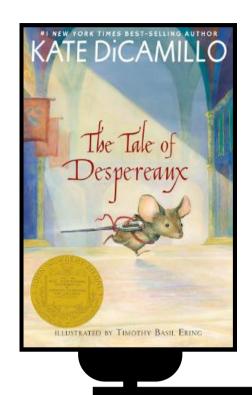
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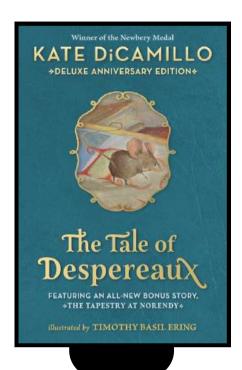
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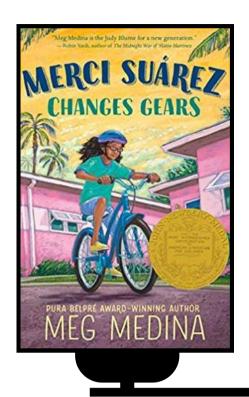


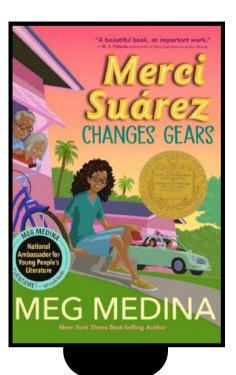
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# WNC BOOK LISTS

#### TOPIC CURATED TITLE SUGGESTIONS



# NEWBERY AWARD WINNING BOOKS

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The books on this list have the distinguished honor of winning the John Newbery Medal.

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jaqueline Woodson

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barbara Higuera

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

**New Kid** by Jerry Craft

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

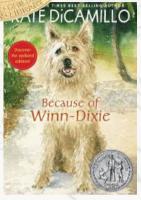
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleishman

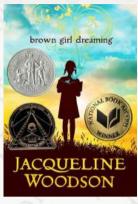
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

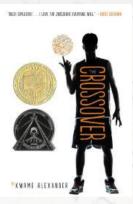


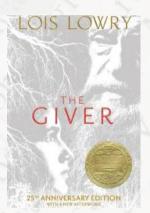
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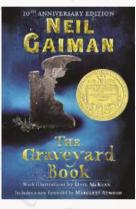
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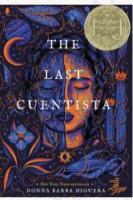


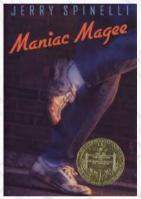






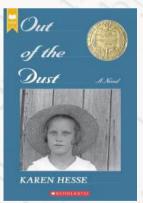


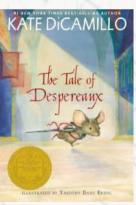






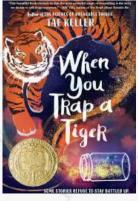
















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WNC BOOK LIST

# OUTER SPACE

These books take place among the stars and galaxies far, far away.





Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barbara Higuera

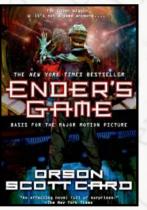
**The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm

**A Rover's Story** by Jasmine Warga

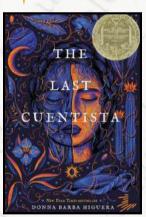
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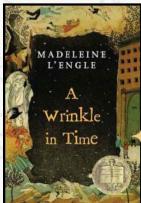














#### OKAY, SO HERE WE ARE... AT OUR SECOND FRESH START OF THE YEAR ...

What are you going to do with it?

'm saving this space for you to do a bit of dreaming, planni and journaling. Studies show that New Years resolutions that are written down have a precent higher chance of being accomplished. So go ahead, do yourself a favor. Take some time to think and reflect and then write down your next step for you get stuck, know that I'm always just an email away.	ıt I
HAPPY NEW YEAR, TEACHER FRIEND!!	3

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