## A WRINKLE IN TIME: DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

One of the major themes in Madeleine L'Engle's A *Wrinkle in Time* is individuality vs. conformity. Meg is caught between the desire to fit in and learning to accept that she is different. Read the following definitions of conformity and individuality, and review the examples from the book.

conformity	the state of being similar or identical while obeying or complying with a standard or norm Example: Meg wishes she could be more like her twin brothers, Dennys and Sandy, who don't have any problems because they fit in at school.
individuality	<b>the quality that distinguishes one person or thing from all others</b> Example: When solving a math problem, Meg does it her own way instead of how the teacher shows her.

By the end of the story, Meg learns that she has to be herself, accept her faults, and embrace her individuality, even if it makes her unhappy sometimes.

Celebrate your individuality and reflect on what makes you unique! Create an individuality map to highlight the qualities that set you apart from other people. Put your name or a picture of yourself in the center, and use images, symbols, and words to build the rest of your individuality map.

## Think about your:

- hobbies, interests, passions, talents
- life goals and role models
- defining moments in your life
- cultural background

## Consider:

- what makes you happiest
- what motivates you
- what makes you special
- what you value most

Use the following template to plan your individuality map, and then create a final copy on a separate piece of paper.

