

**Please read "A Wrinkle in Time" by L'Engle  
and answer the questions below.**

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Grade Summer Reading—A Wrinkle in Time

**Journal Responses**

Choose one question per chapter and write a 2-3 sentence, typed, double-spaced response. Retype the question, and remember to **restate the question** when you write your answer, and provide the page number where you found your answer in the book. Print out your responses and bring your paper with you to class.

**Example:** Chapter 1 Question 3. How do we know that Mrs. Whatsit is odd, but also friendly? Response: Mrs. Whatsit is odd, but also friendly because she... Page number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 1**—Choose 1 question  
to answer

1. What do Meg Murry's actions tell you about her? How does Meg feel about her family?
2. How is Charles Wallace different from most five-year-olds? Have you ever met an unusual child like Charles Wallace?
3. How do we know that Mrs. Whatsit is odd, but also friendly?
4. Does ending the chapter with the tessaract make you want to read on? If so, why?
5. What does Mrs. Murry's treatment of Mrs. Whatsit tell you about Mrs. Murry?

**Chapter 2**—Choose 1 question  
to answer

1. Why might the school principal, Mr. Jenkins, want Meg to accept that her father is never coming home? Should Meg believe him? Why or why not?
2. In what ways are the twins Sandy and Dennys different from the rest of the Murry family? 3. Why do the twins think Meg has so much trouble at school?
4. What does Mrs. Who say to Meg that lets us know that something is about to happen?

**Chapter 3**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. How is Calvin's home life different from Meg's? How is his school life different from Meg's?
2. What does Mrs. Murry mean when she says, ". . . just because we don't understand doesn't mean that the explanation doesn't exist."
3. What is a "willing suspension of belief"? How does having a willing suspension of belief help Mrs. Murry?
4. What are the hard questions that Calvin asks about Meg's father? 5. Are you surprised when the children go off with Mrs. Who, Mrs. Whatsit, and Mrs. Which? Why do they go off with these strange women?

**Chapter 4**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Why does Mrs. Who like to quote? Do you think it is an effective way to communicate with the children? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think Calvin is asked to go on the journey with Megan and Charles Wallace? 3. How would you react if you were taken on a surprise journey to another planet?

**Chapter 5**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. What does the children's experience in a two-dimensional planet tell you about tesser travel?
2. During their journey, the children learn about the Dark Thing. What do you think the Dark Thing really is?
3. Who are some of the famous people mentioned as fighting the Dark Thing? What do they all have in common?

**Chapter 6**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Why is the Happy Medium's worst trouble "getting fond"?
2. Describe the planet of Camazotz.
3. What characters have you met through reading other books and stories who also have magical qualities like Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which? 4. What do the children learn about the people of Camazotz? How do you know?

**Chapter 7**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Charles Wallace says that they can't make decisions based on fear. Do you agree? Explain.
2. When the man with red eyes tries to take over the children's minds, whom does Meg scream for and why?
3. What mistake does Charles Wallace make when he meets the man with red eyes?

**Chapter 8**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Charles Wallace seems well and happy, just as the man with red eyes says he is. How does Meg know that Charles Wallace's mind and heart have been taken over?
2. Describe what life is like on Camazotz. How is it different from your own life? Is anything the same?
3. How do they keep people from suffering on Camazotz? What do you think of this idea?
4. What do you think IT is?

**Chapter 9**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Why does Charles Wallace want to take Mrs. Who's spectacles from Meg?
2. Do you believe, as Meg does, that Mr. Murry will really save them? Why or why not?
3. Explain the phrase "like and equal are two entirely different things." How does this idea help Meg?

**Chapter 10**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Why is Meg so sick after escaping from IT?
2. What are Meg's feelings about her father, brother, and Calvin after escaping from IT? Do you think she should feel this way? Explain why.
3. What do you think of Mr. Murry's reasons for not rescuing Charles Wallace? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

**Chapter 11**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. What would you do if you suddenly met up with three aliens?
2. What is it about the beast that convinces Meg to trust her?
3. What are some of the things that let you trust someone?
4. Why do you think Meg finally trusts the beast?
5. Why is the name Aunt Beast a good one for this alien creature?
6. Why do the time travelers have so much trouble explaining Mrs. Whatsit to the creatures on Ixchel?

**Chapter 12**—Choose 1 question to answer

1. Why doesn't Meg hug Mrs. Whatsit when she appears on Ixchel?
2. Why does Meg have to be the one to go after Charles Wallace?
3. How does Mr. Murry help Meg on the journey back to Camazotz?
4. What gift does Mrs. Whatsit give Meg for her journey back to Camazotz? What is Mrs. Which's gift?
5. What does Meg have that IT doesn't have? Is this something she can use in other situations? If so, how?

**Due on the first day of school.**