***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle**

**3-5 Sentence Chapter Summaries**

| Chapter 1:  Mrs Whatsit | Meg believes her father will return, but she thinks he really won’t because it has been years and other people say he won’t come back.  Mrs Whatsit comes over to Meg’s house wearing stolen sheets. Before she leaves, she says something about a tesseract, and Meg’s mom wonders aloud how she knew about that. |
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| Chapter 2:  Mrs Who | Meg wakes up realizing that Mrs Whatsit did come over and a storm did happen last night. She was very grumpy at school, and her teacher sent her down to the principal's office. Mr Jenkins was comparing Meg to her parents and then she was really upset and left the office. Then Meg and Charles Wallace (Meg’s little brother) met a guy named Calvin. They went to Mrs Whatsit’s house to talk to her, and Calvin went to Meg’s and Charles' house for dinner. |
| Chapter 3:  Mrs Which | Meg and Charles walk home to dinner with Calvin. Calvin is happy because he has people who are nice to him for who he is and he can express his feelings with them. Calvin and Meg go for a walk to talk about her dad and Meg's lack of self confidence. After that Charles finds them and Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Which, and Mrs Who take them all somewhere. |
| Chapter 4:  The Black Thing | Meg, Calvin, and Charles get separated when, out of nowhere, they get two dimensionally hypercubed on their way to Uriel. During the time that they got tessered, Meg choked on a word so she couldn’t talk. After they get back together, Mrs Whatsit transforms into a creature that flies them to a mountain so they can see Darkness, also known as the Black Thing. |
| Chapter 5: The Tesseract | Mrs Which tells Meg that her father is behind the Darkness. Mrs. Whatsit tells Meg, Calvin, and Charles that there are many dimensions. Mrs. Whatsit and Charles Wallace try to explain to Meg what the tesseract is. After that they go to Orion's Belt to meet the Happy Medium who shows them that Earth is covered by the Dark Thing. |
| Chapter 6:  The Happy Medium | Happy Medium shows a star sacrificing itself to overcome darkness. Charles, Meg and Calvin learn Mrs Whatsit used to be a star. They leave Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which after they are given gifts to help them on their journey. They came to the planet, Camazotz, where their father was on. They saw children bouncing balls simultaneously. A boy was bouncing his ball awkwardly before he dropped it and his mom looked around embarrassed and alarmed. When Calvin and Charles return the ball to the boy, the mom is shocked because nothing like this has happened in three years and everyone in the neighborhood shuts their doors. At the end they were on their way to CENTRAL Central Intelligence and Calvin thought they were going to be in terrible danger!!!! |
| Chapter 7:  The Man with Red Eyes | Meg, Charles, and Calvin entered the CENTRAL Central Intelligence to rescue their father. Once they got in the building, they met a man in a chair who was being controlled by someone. He tried to make the kids their puppets. It did not work on Meg and Calvin but Charles gave in. Meg and Calvin were unaware of that until Charles told them to eat the fake sand food that was prepared for them. Meg knew that then Charles wasn’t himself anymore. |
| Chapter 8:  The Transparent Column | Charles is controlled by the man in a chair and tries to convince Meg and Calvin that Mrs Who, Mrs Whatsit, and Mrs Which are their enemies. Meg, Charles, and Calvin notice the boy who they’d met earlier jailed in a room bouncing a ball repeatedly and screaming. At the end of the chapter they find their father trapped in a transparent column. |
| Chapter 9:  IT | Meg walks through a wall with Mrs Who’s glasses to get to her father. Meg tells her father to put the glasses on so he can see them. Meg, her father, and Calvin try to talk to Charles to get him to stop being controlled. They meet IT, a giant brain, who is controlling everyone else. Meg tries to resist the IT which is very hard for her so Mr Murry awkwardly tessers Meg and Calvin. |
| Chapter 10:  Absolute Zero | Meg wakes up from the tesser frozen. Mr. Murry tells Calvin how he got to Camazotz. Meg finally unfreezes a little so she can talk. They meet the three beasts and Calvin talks to them with Mr Murry. The three beasts prepare to take Meg away. |
| Chapter 11:  Aunt Beast | The three beasts have tentacles that take Meg away. Mr Murry and Calvin try to make the three beasts put Meg down because they feel afraid. The three beasts say they can help Meg unfreeze. One beast takes Meg away and tells her through his thoughts to call him Aunt Beast. Meg talks to him and tells him they are fighting the Black Thing. Meg is taken to join her father and Calvin for breakfast. Meg talks to them about getting Charles back. Calvin notices a familiar ominous voice in the great hall that sounds like Mrs. Which is there. |
| Chapter 12: The Foolish and the Weak | Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Which, and Mrs Who come to help Meg, Calvin, and Mr Murry. Meg tries to convince Mrs Whatsit to help them but she says they can’t go up against IT. Meg says that she can help Charles and bring him back. Mrs. Whatsit is convinced and gives Meg a command. Meg goes to Camazotz and goes to the CENTRAL Central Intelligence building to rescue Charles. Meg saves Charles from IT by showing him the power of love. Meg, Charles, Calvin, and Mr. Murry return home. Mrs Who, Mrs Whatsit and Mrs Which say goodbye to them. |

| 3 Lessons Meg learned: Students need to write down the three important lessons that Meg learns and use bullet points or numbers to list information about these lessons. Part of this information should be at least two lines from the book that illustrate or show how and why these are important lessons. Remember to include quotation marks and the page numbers for your lines from the novel. |
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**Three Lessons Meg Learned**

| Lesson 1: Eventually good will overpower evil.   1. The power of good defeats IT by the power of love. 2. Charles is saved by Meg by her saying how much she loves him.  * On page 230, Charles closes his mouth and then “Slowly his eyes stopped their twirling. The tic in the forehead ceased its revolting twitch. Slowly he advanced toward her.” Then Meg said, “I love you! I love you, Charles! I love you.” And then ran toward her. |
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| Lesson 2: It is ok to be unique, you don’t have to be like everyone else.   1. When Meg saw that everyone was bouncing the ball at the same time and everyone was doing the same thing, she learned that it is okay to be different, otherwise she would feel very sad. 2. On pg 115, Charles Wallace says, “They’re skipping and bouncing in rhythm! Everyone’s doing it at exactly the same moment.” On pg 158 Charles Wallace said “Yes. Every once in a while there’s a little trouble with cooperation, but it’s easily taken care of. After today he’ll never desire to viate again. Ah here we are.” |
| Lesson 3: Love is powerful to overcome the bad things in this world. |