



ANTICIPATION GUIDE for  
*A Wrinkle in Time*  
Madeleine L'Engle

Agree or disagree? Read the following statements. Then on the line provided to the left of each statement, write an “A” if you agree, or a “D” if you disagree. When you have completed the assignment, you will have a chance to explain your position. Remember, there are no right answers, but you will have to defend your thoughts and opinions.

Teacher: After the students have completed the anticipation guide on their own as well as in groups. As you read the novel, lead the whole class in a discussion, covering each subject. Before moving on to the next theme, predict as a class what Madeleine L'Engle might think. After you have finished the novel, go over the guide again, to verify your predictions.

Before

After

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. All conformity is evil.  
(After Meg expresses her wish to be just like everyone else at school, she encounters her wish in a horrible reality on the planet Camazotz. Everyone is identical, performing identical jobs. IT attempts to persuade the protagonists that conformity is actually easier—no more decisions, no more pain and heartache. Merely obedience.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Words are ultimately inadequate as a means of communication.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Our senses are the most reliable sources of discovering truth  
(i.e., touch, sight, smell, taste, hear).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. You don't need to understand things for them to *be*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Ultimately, love can overcome/conquer all.

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6. It's better to "fit in" than stand out, at least to avoid confrontation and/or embarrassment.

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7. We cannot be sure that things exist unless we see them, hear them, or feel them.

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8. The battle between good and evil continues today.

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9. It is better to understand something rationally rather than emotionally.

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10. It would be worth it to give up your life as you know it as a sacrifice for a higher ideal, or for a greater good.