

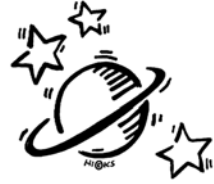


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## *A Wrinkle in Time*

by Madeleine L'Engle

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### Passage 1

It was a dark and stormy night.

In her attic bedroom Margaret Murry, wrapped in an old patchwork quilt, sat on the foot of her bed and watched the trees tossing in the frenzied lashing of the wind. Behind the trees clouds scudded frantically across the sky. Every few moments the moon ripped through them, creating wraithlike shadows that raced along the ground.

The house shook.

Wrapped in her quilt, Meg shook.

She wasn't usually afraid of weather. -It's not just the weather, she thought. -It's the weather on top of everything else. On top of me. On top of \* Meg Murry doing everything wrong. (pages 3-4)

### Passage 2

"It's all right," Calvin said in a low voice. "I think I'd rather you knew." Now instead of reaching out to Calvin for safety, Meg took his hand in hers, not saying anything in words but trying to tell him by the pressure of her fingers what she felt. If anyone had told her only the day before that she, Meg, the snaggle-toothed, the myopic, the clumsy, would be taking a boy's hand to offer him comfort and strength, particularly a popular and important boy like Calvin, the idea would have been beyond her comprehension. But now it seemed as \* natural to want to help and protect Calvin as it did Charles Wallace. (page 96)

### Passage 3

She was not thinking; she was not planning; she was simply walking slowly but steadily toward the city and the domed building where IT lay.

Now she approached the outlying buildings of the city. In each of them was a vertical line of light, but it was a dim, eerie light, not the warm light of stairways in cities at home. And there were no isolated brightly lit windows where someone was working late, or an office was being cleaned. Out of each building came one man, perhaps a watchman, and each man started walking the width of the building. (pages 203-204)

	Sentences	Words
Passage 1	11.3	29
Passage 2	5.25	26
Passage 3	5	27
Total	21.55	82
Average	7.18	27

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