

Comparing Settings

answer key

URIEL

- Sunlit
- Grassy
- Multicolored flowers
- Mountains
- Singing birds
- Crystal rivers
- gardens

IXCHEL

- Fields
- Fragrant smells
- Unknown creatures

- Gray
- Brown grass
- Dull flowers

Comparing Characters

answer key

MEG

- impatient
- awkward
- High-school student
- Unconfident
- outcast

CHARLES

- intelligent
- Mucky
- child

- mind-reader
- Five-years old
- Vulnerable
- confident

Literary Conflict

answer key

Throughout the novel, Meg experiences a lot of struggle. In the boxes below, explain how she faces each type of conflict.

MAN

Meg struggles to get along with her peers. On her way home from school, she gets into a fight with a classmate who calls Charles Wallace "dumb."

SELF

Meg struggles with self-doubt. She believes she is a failure academically and socially. When she is called upon to face *IT* on Camazotz, she must overcome her doubts in order to succeed.

MAN VS.

On Camazotz, all citizens are expected to act and think the same. The young boy who bounces his ball out of rhythm is forced to practice bouncing it properly at CENTRAL Central Intelligence. With each bounce, he feels a stab of pain as punishment.

SOCIETY

The Murrys, Calvin and the 3 Mrs. W's are all fighting an evil, supernatural force. Throughout the book, this evil is represented in multiple ways: the Dark Thing, the Man with the Red Eyes, and *IT*. The protagonists use love and hope to fight this evil, but they cannot destroy it completely.

SUPERNATURAL

PLOT DIAGRAM

answer key

1. Meg, Charles and Calvin meet the 3 Mrs. W's.
2. They tesser to Uriel and view the Dark Thing.
3. They tesser to Orion, where the Happy Medium shows them the Dark Thing. They learn that it is evil and that they must fight it.
4. The group lands on Camazotz, where Mr. Murry is imprisoned.
5. In CENTRAL Central Intelligence, Charles Wallace is hypnotized by the Man with the Red Eyes.

climax: The kids find Mr. Murry. Meg frees him from IT, but loses Charles Wallace to IT's powers.

1. Aunt Beast nurses Meg back to health after her brush with the Dark Thing.
2. Meg returns to Camazotz alone.
3. She uses her love for Charles Wallace to break his connection with IT.

rising action

falling action

resolution

Meg, Calvin, and Charles Wallace tesser safely home to Earth with their Father.

exposition

Setting: the universe

Characters:

- Meg Murry
- Charles Wallace Murry
- Calvin O'Keefe
- Mrs. Whatsit
- Mrs. Which
- Mrs. Who
- Mr. Murry
- Aunt Beast

Internal Conflict:

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External Conflict:

The Murrys, Calvin, and the 3 Mrs. W's are all fighting an evil, supernatural force. Throughout the book, this evil is represented in multiple ways: the Dark Thing, the Man with the Red Eyes and IT. They use love and hope to fight this evil, but they cannot destroy it completely.

CHARACTER CONNECTIONS WEB

answer key

In each character's box, write a short description of them. Then draw arrows or lines between the boxes. On those lines, write about how each character affects another or ideas that you have that come from their interactions.

MEG

- high school student
- awkward
- loving
- impatient
- outcast

Charles Wallace looks out for his sister by reading her mind and understanding how she feels.

Rescues her brother through unconditional love.

Calvin teaches Meg to be confident in herself.

Meg comforts Calvin after the Happy Medium shows them his family.

CHARLES

- 5-years old
- intelligent
- mind-reader
- vulnerable
- confident

Charles Wallace has similar powers to Calvin, in that they are driven by feelings they do not understand.

As a good communicator, Calvin is almost able to break Charles Wallace out of IT's powers.

CALVIN

- athlete
- popular
- large family
- smart
- courageous