



# A Wrinkle in Time

*fun activities*

## How to “See” In the Dark

The first thing the characters in *A Wrinkle in Time* notice about the planet of Ixchel is that it has no color. Instead of a bright blue sky and green grass, everything in this world is brown and gray. However, since the inhabitants of Ixchel have no eyes, they don't rely on sight to experience their world. Perhaps, that's why Meg has such a hard time trying to explain light and darkness to Aunt Beast.

You can experience what life would be like on Ixchel with this game we play in the dark. Grab your classmates, turn off the lights and put on a blindfold. Then, with your teacher's help, take turns pulling out everyday items from a bag. Take your time feeling the objects, smelling them and even tasting them if you'd like. Can you guess what you're holding in your hand? Can you describe the item without saying what it looks like?

You can expand the activity by partnering up with a friend. Have them take you outside and blindfold you again. Then, using your other senses describe what is happening around you. Can you hear the birds? What does the bark of a tree feel like? Can you smell the flowers? How do your other senses change or grow when you can't rely on your sight?

To understand how many humans tend to rely on sight, grab a copy of the *Orlando Sentinel* or go online to view the newspaper. Look for three articles of your choosing and read the stories. Then, try to re-write the pieces as if you were someone without sight telling the story. What parts of the story would change? Which would remain the same?

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