

CHAPTER 3 — MRS. WHICH

Vocabulary: Draw a line from each word on the left to its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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| 1. somber | a. wise |
| 2. tangible | b. feeling angry at something unfair |
| 3. essence | c. the most important part of something |
| 4. judicious | d. that which can be touched or understood |
| 5. indignant | e. gloomy; sad |

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- If you do not listen carefully, you will miss the _____ of my lesson.
- The little girl became _____ when she was told to go to bed earlier than other children her age.
- It is traditional to wear the _____ colors of black or gray when attending a funeral.
- You will be able to make a(n) _____ decision after you hear both sides of the argument.
- A jury is supposed to assume a person innocent unless there is _____ proof of guilt.

Questions:

- What does the photograph of Mr. Murry reveal about his past? What else do we learn about him in this chapter?
- What is Meg's special talent? Why does she have difficulty in school despite this talent?
- What startling announcement does Charles make to Meg and Cal?
- What does Cal mean when he says that the children in school like him for all the wrong reasons?
- What clue do we have that the Mrs. W's are extraordinary women?

Question for Discussion:

What do you think Mrs. Murry could mean when she says that Charles is "new"?