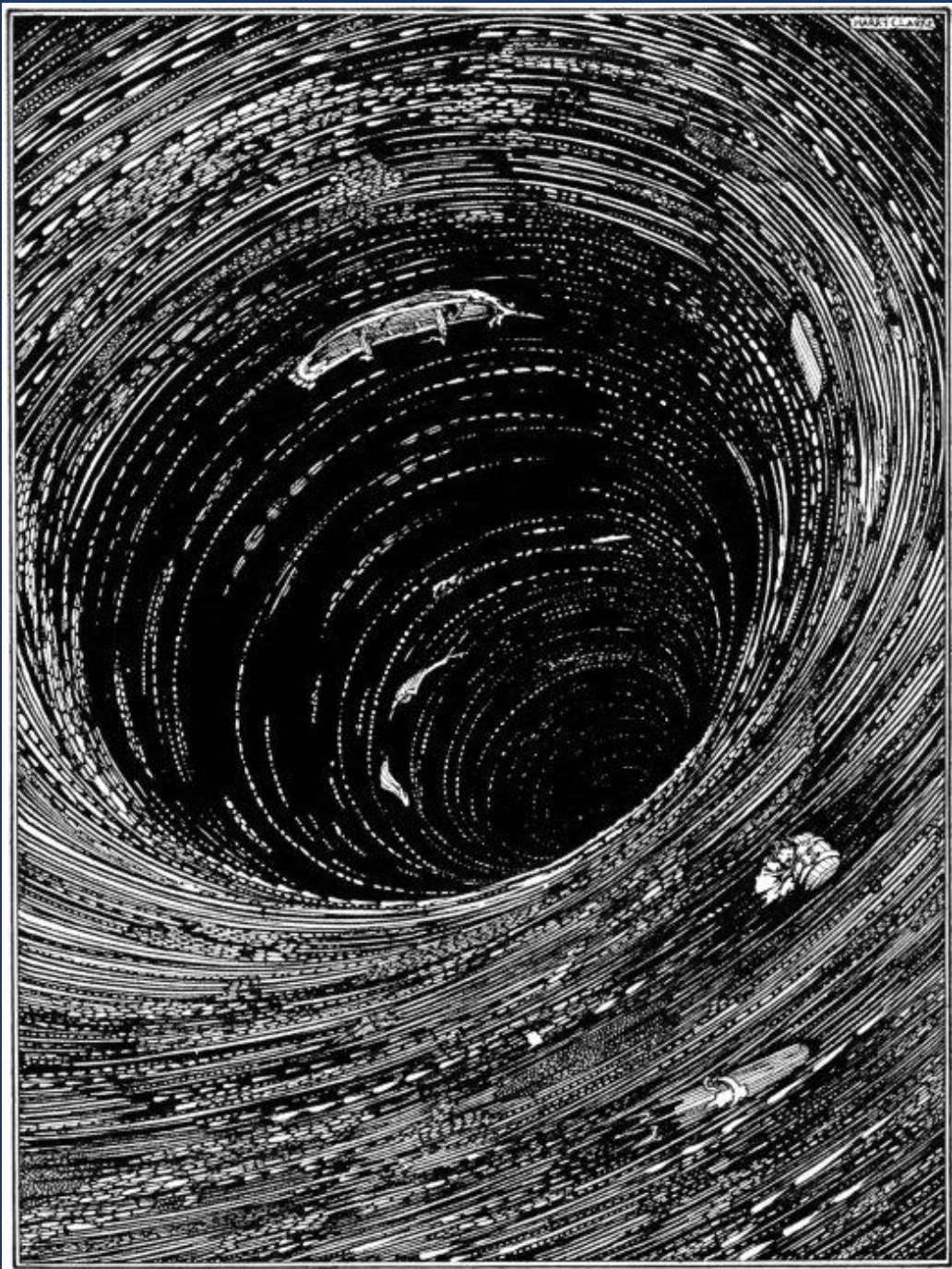


Word of the Week



What do you think
word of the week
is?

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Word of the Week

Maelstrom
(noun)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

Word of the Week

Let's see if we can work out what it means from looking at its etymology.



So what does maelstrom mean?

“A grinding stream”

Word of the Week

Maelstrom (noun)

Definition

1. a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.
1. a restless, disordered, or chaotic situation

Word of the Week

Maelstrom (noun)

Synonyms

Whirlpool

Vortex

Turbulence

Turmoil

Tumult

Antonyms

Calm

Harmony

Order

Word of the Week

Maelstrom (noun)

Examples

“There was a maelstrom of early morning traffic.”

“The ship was drawn into the maelstrom.”

“She was caught in a maelstrom of emotions.”

Can you come up with your own?

Word of the Week

Maelstrom (noun)

Did you know?

The original Maelstrom, also known as the Mostenstraumen or Moskstraumen, is a channel located off the northwest coast of Norway that has dangerous tidal currents.



Word of the Week

Maelstrom (noun)

Did you know?

People became familiar with its (often exaggerated) perils through literature. Edgar Allan Poe wrote a story called “A Descent into the Maelstrom,” and Jules Verne’s *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* has a maelstrom at its climax.

