

Classwork

Thursday 11th May

A Christmas Carol: Revision

ENTRY TASK

Mind-map any **quotations** you can recall from A Christmas Carol. Try and give a quote for each character and each theme.



'tight-fisted hand'

'haunt me no longer'

*'wound about him like
a tail'*

*'Marley was dead – to
begin with'*

'she died a woman'

*'If these shadows
remain
unchanged, I see
a vacant seat'*

*'decrease the surplus
population'*

*'To Tiny Tim, who did
NOT die, he was a
second father'*

'I release you'

*'had a desire to see
the spirit in his cap'*

'phantom'

*'I fear you more than
any spectre I have
seen'*

'A solitary child'

'black cloak'

*'slowly, gravely,
silently'*

A Christmas Carol Essay

In the extract...

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Furthermore...

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Additionally...

Remember!

The extract **MUST** form PART of your essay.

This section is about the extract **ONLY**. Write about the extract first if you are worried you may forget it!

These two sections are from other part of the text. I'd try and talk about the text in order, but don't worry if you don't!

Character!

Essay Plan: Scrooge

1. Beginning of novella: **he is a lonely, heartless man.**
2. Marley's Ghost is a **symbol of Scrooge's fate.**
3. The **three ghosts** take Scrooge on his **transformative journey.**
4. End of novella: he is **changed and reformed.**



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Essay Plan: Jacob Marley

1. Scrooge's old **business partner and friend**
2. **Representation of Scrooge's fate / warning.**
3. Introduces the three ghosts and **starts Scrooge's transformation**
4. Scrooge does **NOT end up like Marley**



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Essay Plan: The Ghost of Christmas Past



1. **Appears following Marley's Ghost's warning (a symbol of Scrooge could become).**
2. The ghost is a **representation of truth/past.**
3. **Contributes to change:** shows Scrooge his past (old village, Christmas at his old school, Fan informing him he can come home, his old boss Fezziwig, break up from Belle, Belle's big family)

Essay Plan: The Ghost of Christmas Present



1. Appears following **Marley's Ghost's warning**.
2. The ghost is a **representation of the joys of Christmas**.
3. **Contributes to change: shows Scrooge different Christmases** (the busy city during Christmas; The Cratchits' meager Christmas; Tiny Tim's illness; Fred and family enjoying games)
4. **Key Dickensian message:** 'Ignorance' and 'Want' are a symbol of the cycle of poverty and **the need to educate the poor**.

Key term: ALLEGORY

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Essay Plan: The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

1. Appears following **Marley's Ghost's warning.**
2. The ghost is a **representation of death.**
3. **Shows Scrooge his fate if he does not change** (people discussing his death and not caring; Scrooge's belongings being stolen; The Cratchit family mourning Tiny Tim's death; Scrooge's grave)
4. **Scrooge changes his ways.**





Essay Plan: Bob Cratchit

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1. He is **loyal and accepting** of Scrooge's ways.
2. He is the **head of a very poor, but happy family**.
3. **A good father to Tiny Tim** – the symbol of poverty.
4. His **family benefit** from Scrooge's transformation.

Key term:
ALLEGORY

Essay Plan: Tiny Tim

1. **Scrooge is ignorant** of Tiny Tim's illness.
2. Tiny Tim, the son of Bob Cratchit, is **joyful and happy**.
3. Tiny Tim **represents the brutal effects of poverty**.
4. **Children** are used by Dickens for **emotive and allegorical purposes**.

Key term:
ALLEGORY



Essay Plan: Fred



1. Fred is **persistent** and **holds family in high regard**.
2. Fred's **relationship with Scrooge should be stronger**, considering his mother, Fan.
3. **Fred is the opposite of Scrooge** (gives to charity and loves Christmas).
4. He is **forgiving** as he accepts the reformed Scrooge to Christmas dinner.

Themes!

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Essay Plan: Transformation /change

1. Beginning of novella: **he is a lonely, heartless man.**
2. Marley's Ghost is a **symbol of Scrooge's fate.**
3. The **three ghosts** take Scrooge on his **transformative journey.**
4. End of novella: he is **changed and reformed.**



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Essay Plan: Poverty/charity/ wealth



1. **Scrooge represents the rich** who do not give to charity.
2. **Fred is the antithesis to Scrooge** and represents Dickens' wider allegory.
3. **Children are used as symbols** (Tiny Tim = effects of poverty; Ignorance/Want = the cycle of poverty).
4. Scrooge's transformation highlights how **change can save lives.**

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Essay Plan: Family



1. **Scrooge's negative relationship with his father may be a contributing factor to his attitude.**
2. **Scrooge is exposed to the family he could have had if he hadn't become selfish and money orientated.**
3. **Bob Cratchit's family represent a strong family, despite their place in poverty.**
4. **Scrooge's transformation provides him with a reformed sense of family.**

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Essay Plan: Christmas



1. The setting of **Christmas is deliberate** as it is renowned to be filled with **family and GIVING (charity!)**.
2. **Marley died on Christmas day – paralleling Scrooge’s ‘later’ death (Yet to Come). Warning for Scrooge.**
3. Past: reveals that Scrooge’s **past Christmases may contribute to his negative attitude.**
4. Present: reminds Scrooge of the **importance of family and selflessness.**
5. Scrooge’s transformation provides him with a **reformed outlook on Christmas = family, giving, charity.**