

Year 10 A Christmas Carol **

Plot and Structure				
<p>Stave 1</p> <p>Introduction of Scrooge and exploration of his character. Meets his dead business partner as ghost on Christmas Eve.</p> <p>Weather is cold and foggy symbolising how there is a problem in society. <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Stave 2</p> <p>The Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge various moments in his past. Some are happy and some are unhappy experiences.</p> <p>The Scrooge's school is rundown and neglected which reflects how Scrooge was neglected by his father. <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Stave 3</p> <p>The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge people having a positive experience of Christmas including the Cratchits, Fred and several people in unpleasant experiences.</p> <p>Weather is cold and foggy symbolising how there is a problem in society. <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Stave 4</p> <p>The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge a future where both Tiny Tim and Scrooge are dead. Scrooge learns the message that unless something changes then Tiny Tim will die.</p> <p>The ghost is silent, slow and unpredictable which symbolises how death comes when we least expect it <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Stave 5</p> <p>Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning laughing and happy. He buys the Cratchits a turkey and visits his nephew, Fred.</p> <p>Weather is sunny and bright symbolising a positive and optimistic future. <input type="text"/></p>
Characters				
<p>Scrooge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of those in power • Voice of the public's attitude towards the poor <input type="text"/> • Symbol of the pessimistic view of world • Symbol of capitalism • Symbol of what is wrong in society <p><i>Men's courses will foreshadow certain ends, to which, if persevered in, they must lead. But if the courses be departed from, the ends will change</i></p> <p><i>Selfish / Isolated / Fixated / Cynical / Focused / Dogmatic</i></p>	<p>Bob Cratchit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of how reliant workers were on their job • Voice of the workers – working class (not the really poor) <input type="text"/> • Symbol of the optimistic view of the world • Symbol of the importance of family • Symbol of kindness <p><i>There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked.</i></p> <p><i>Caring / Thoughtful / Gentle / Optimistic / Supportive / United</i></p>	<p>Tiny Tim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of the weakest and more vulnerable in society • Voice of the children <input type="text"/> • Symbol of society's responsibility to help • Symbol of optimism and Christian values • Symbol of the harshness of life in Victorian England <p><i>God bless us, every one!</i></p> <p><i>Reliant / Optimistic / Vulnerable / Weak / Christian</i></p>	<p>Fred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of kindness • Voice of Christian values • Symbol of what society should be <input type="text"/> • Symbol of optimism • Symbol that Scrooge's family is kind and it is in his nature <p><i>a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave</i></p> <p><i>Open / Warm / Friendly / Enthusiastic / Positive / Optimistic</i></p>	<p>The Ghosts</p> <p><u>Jacob Marley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of greed and how your sins affect you after death / what Scrooge will be if he doesn't change <input type="text"/> <p><u>Ghost of Christmas Past</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of how the past is powerful / how little time Scrooge has left <input type="text"/> <p><u>Ghost of Christmas Present</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of how important it is to live in the present / how Christmas unites us <input type="text"/> <p><u>Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of how our actions affect the future / how we only know our value when dead <input type="text"/>
<p>Context Phrases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain was broken • The impact of the Industrial Revolution • The oversimplification of dealing with poverty • The selfishness of society • The hypocrisy of a Victorian Christian society • Imbalance of wealth in society • The demonising of the poor • The lack of collective responsibility • The dangers of capitalism 	<p>Dickens' Intent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the experience of children • Highlight the importance of family • Unite different parts of society together • Improve the relationship between the rich and poor • Show how the rich had a collective responsibility to help improve society • Attack Industrial Revolution and what it has done to people 	<p>Themes – Big Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solitary vs Sociable • Predestination vs Freewill • Damnation vs Redemption • Benevolence vs Malevolence • Greed vs Generosity • Ethical vs Unethical • Supernatural vs Earthly 	<p>Motifs – Running images / ideas in the story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light and darkness • Hot and cold • Weather • Clothes • Food • Time • Bells 	<p>Other Minor Characters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Portly Gentlemen</u> – the hypocrisy of the rich • <u>Caroline</u> – how the poor celebrate Scrooge's death • <u>Mrs Dilbur</u> – how the poor steal from Scrooge when dead • <u>Miners / sailors / lighthouse keepers</u> – how the poor find time to enjoy Christmas • <u>Fezziwig</u> – an example of what Scrooge should be as an employer • <u>Belle</u> - proof that Scrooge had people around him to make him a better person

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fight for the poor and to improve their life• Humanise the poor			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Ignorance / Want</u> – what will happen to children and the poor if things don't change
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