

<u>Due Date:</u>	Wednesday 10th November
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Homework 1: A Christmas Carol Context and Didactic Purpose

1. What did Charles Dickens want to promote through his Christmas stories?

2. How did the industrial Revolution affect life in towns and cities?

3. What did Dickens want the ruling classes to do?

4. When was the new Poor Law brought in?

5. As a result of this new law, how did poor people get help?

6. Why do you think the poor were desperate to avoid going to the workhouse?

7. For each of the following statements, choose a word from the vocabulary box (on the KO) to complete it. You can use a word more than once if you wish.
- a) Fezziwig is a _____ employer as he invites everyone to his Christmas party.
- b) At the start of the novel, Scrooge is _____, hoarding all his money and never spending it - not even on himself.
- c) Scrooge is also _____ at the start of the novella – he is so bad tempered that even the blind men’s dogs run away from him.
- d) By Stave 5, Scrooge has become a _____ employer and increases Bob’s wages.

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Homework 2: 'A Christmas Carol' Stave 1 Summary

Task – Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the summary of events in Stave 1.

workhouse	unaffected	money	Eve	reluctantly
poor	fool	seven	warning	nephew
clerk	chains	three	Marley	wrong
seizes	business	knocker	collectors	spirits

We learn that Marley was Scrooge's business partner but has been dead for _____ years. Scrooge was the only one at his funeral and seems _____ by the loss. The novella is set on Christmas _____. Scrooge has an assistant, Bob Cratchit, who is a _____ and has to work in a very cold office as Scrooge won't spend _____ heating it. _____, Scrooge gives Bob Christmas Day off and he is excited to get home.

Fred, Scrooge's _____, comes to wish Scrooge Merry Christmas and he calls him a _____ to be merry when he has little money. Two charity _____ ask Scrooge for some money to help the _____ and he is rude to them and says they should either go to the _____ or die. A carol singer calls by and is sent on away when Scrooge _____ a ruler in rage.

When Scrooge arrives at his front door, his door _____ changes into the face of _____. Scrooge locks himself in. He hears bells ringing then sees Marley's ghost covered in padlocks, _____ and other items linked with the money-lending _____ he and Scrooge ran together. Marley explains he is in torment because he only cared about money when he was alive and now knows how _____ that was. This acts as a _____ to Scrooge and he is told that he will be visited by _____ more _____.



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Homework 3: 'A Christmas Carol' Stave 2 Summary

Task – Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the summary of events in Stave 2.

Christmas	money	Bob Cratchit	engagement
Fezziwig	Belle	first	cap
past refuses	Fan	books	father
man	loving	twelve	presses
		light	Fred

Scrooge wakes up to hear the church bells ringing _____ times even though he went to be after 2am. The weather is _____ and the _____ ghost appears: it is the ghost of Scrooge's _____ and looks like a child and an old _____ at the same time. Scrooge wants the ghost to wear a _____ to put out its light and the ghost _____.

The ghost shows Scrooge a scene from his childhood when he spent _____ at school with _____ for company. There is another memory where Scrooge is alone at Christmas and _____, his sister, arrives to take him home after persuading their _____ to let him return to the family. The two memories make him think of the _____ and his nephew, _____. The third memory the ghost shows Scrooge is of a party his apprentice, _____ threw for his workers and their happiness was clear to see. This makes Scrooge feel bad for how he treated _____.

Scrooge is then shown the memory of himself with his fiancé, _____, and how she broke their _____ because of his love of _____. The ghost then shows Scrooge how Belle married and has a _____ family. Scrooge does not like this sight and _____ the cap down to hide his _____. He is returned to his bedroom and falls asleep.



“Yo ho, my boys!” said Fezziwig. “No more work to-night. It’s Christmas Eve.”

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Homework 4: 'A Christmas Carol' Stave 3 Summary

Task – Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the summary of events in Stave 3.

fire	little	joy	incense	tour		
	Ignorance					
fun	mean	Cratchitts'	games	see	bakery	
	fearfully	Scrooge	ovens	health	present	die
	Want	Sunday				

Scrooge waits _____ for the arrival of the next ghost: the Ghost of Christmas _____. It appears in the next room, surrounded by Christmas food and holding a torch of _____. They visit scenes around the city where the weather is bad but people are full of _____. Poorer people without _____ take their Christmas meals to the _____ and the Ghost sprinkles _____ on the people and their food. Scrooge questions why everything shuts on a _____.

The Ghost takes Scrooge to the _____ home and he sees how the family enjoy their Christmas meal, even though there is very _____ of it. The family raise a toast to honour _____ and Mrs Cratchit clearly despises him. Scrooge sees that Tiny Tim is in poor _____ and that he will _____ in the future if he doesn't change in future.

Then the ghost takes Scrooge on a _____ to different places where Christmas is celebrated. They end up at Fred's house and Scrooge sees the _____ they're having and Scrooge even joins in with their _____, though they cannot _____ him. They discuss Scrooge and decide the only person he harms by being _____ is himself.

The Ghost shows Scrooge two children: Ignorance and _____. Though both ghosts are bad, _____ is more dangerous than the other. The ghost disappears and another one arrives.



In came little Bob . . . and Tiny Tim upon his shoulder.

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Homework 4: 'A Christmas Carol' Stave 4 Summary

Task – Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the summary of events in Stave 4.

borrowed	gravestone	died	sell	goodness
face	heartbroken	care	hope	Fred
	guides	vows	man	died

The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come appears. It does not speak, but _____ Scrooge towards scenes from the future. Business people discuss a man who has _____ and don't _____ much for his death. Thieves meet to _____ items they have stolen from a dead man. Scrooge refuses to look at the _____ of the dead man. Meanwhile, a young couple are given _____ that they will not have to repay debts because the man they have _____ money from has died.

The Ghost shows Scrooge a version of the future where Tiny Tim has _____. The family are _____ and _____ has offered to help if he can. The Cratchits take comfort from remembering the _____ of Tiny Tim.

Scrooge sees a different _____ working in his office and also sees a _____ with his name on it. He realises that he is the dead man and _____ to change.

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Homework 5: 'A Christmas Carol' Stave 5 Summary

Task – Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the summary of events in Stave 5.

generous	reputation	right	dinner
angry			
turkey	everything	raises	
overwhelmed	wonderful	donation	office
house	joke		anonymously

Scrooge wakes on Christmas Day and finds _____ as he left it the night before. He is _____ at having a chance to put things _____ and is delighted with everything he sees. He arranges for a _____ to be sent to the Cratchits' house _____. On his way to church he makes a large _____ to charity. He goes to Fred's _____ and asks him if he can join them for Christmas _____ after all. They have a _____ time.

The next day, he goes to the _____ early to play a _____ on Bob Cratchit. He pretends to be _____ with him but then _____ his salary and offers to help Tiny Tim and his family. Scrooge gains a _____ for being a good and _____ man and Tiny Tim survives.

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Homework 6: Scrooge's Change

Complete the table below highlighting how Scrooge is the antithesis (opposite) of his former self in Stave 5.

Stave 1	Stave 5
Scrooge is isolated and rejects Fred's invitation.	Scrooge joins Fred and celebrates Christmas with him.
Scrooge has no concern for the poor and rudely rejects the gentlemen's request for a charitable donation.	
Scrooge is a miserly employer who equates paying Bob Cratchit his wages on Christmas Day to picking pockets.	
Scrooge hates Christmas. "Bah humbug."	

