

Stave 4 & 5 - Knowledge Organiser

Key Themes:

- The spirit of Christmas
- Family
- Redemption
- Poverty

Plot summary:

- The Ghost of Christmas Future is described.
- The spirit takes Scrooge to see a group of businessmen discussing someone who has died. They do not care about his death.
- Scrooge is then taken to see Old Joe, where he is in the process of buying stolen property belonging to the dead man.
- The Ghost tries to make Scrooge look at the face of the dead man but Scrooge says he can't.
- A young couple are given hope that they will have longer to repay a long because this man has died.
- Scrooge then returns to Bob Cratchit's house to find the family mourning the loss of Tiny Tim.
- Scrooge is then taken to a gravestone with his own name on it. He realises he is the dead man whom the people were talking about. Scrooge falls to his knees and vows to change his ways.

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- Scrooge wakes up in his own bed to find everything as it was the night before. He is overwhelmed at having a change to put things right.
- Scrooge arranges for a prize turkey to be sent anonymously to the Cratchits,
- On his way to church, Scrooge makes a large donation to charity.
- Scrooge then goes to Fred's house and is welcomed in. He enjoys the dinner and party.
- On Boxing Day, Scrooge arrives early to work and plays a trick on Bob. Scrooge then tells him he is going to raise his salary and promises to help Bob's struggling family. Scrooge is described to have completely changed and becomes a 'second father' to Tiny Tim – 'who did not die.'

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THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME:

- Mysterious, silent, ominous, intimidating, frightening, resolute, menacing.
- This is the most mysterious of the ghosts, reflecting the fact that the future is uncertain and depends on our present actions. It shows Scrooge what will happen if he doesn't change his ways. The description of the ghost creates a sense of foreboding.
- Personifies death which is inevitable for all humans. It is a terrifying figure, 'shrouded in a deep black garment, which concealed its head, its face, its form'. This reminds us of the Grim Reaper archetype.
- We are unable to distinguish its features, reminding us that the exact details of death are unknown until it strikes.
- Just as time will not stop for anyone, the ghost will not wait for Scrooge; it leads him from scene to scene, pointing out what he must see.



Quotes:

- “a solemn Phantom, draped and hooded”
- “it seemed to scatter gloom and mystery.”
- “its mysterious presence filled him with a solemn dread”
- “the Spirit neither spoke nor moved”
- “Every person has a right to take care of themselves. He always did.”
- “The noisy little Cratchits were as still as statues .”
- “Merry as a schoolboy...light as a feather”
- “To Tiny Tim...he was a second father.”



Key Terms:

- ominous – threatening
- resolute – determined
- foreboding – a sense that something bad will happen
- archetype - a typical example
- exclamatory – speech that is sudden and excited
- Romantic– fantasy
- realism – true to life

Learn the information on the sheet – self quiz to help you retain the knowledge . Tick the boxes when you think your knowledge is secure.