

Threshold Concept- Year 10- A Christmas Carol:

TC1 - Understanding texts

TC2 - Demonstrate an appreciation of the writer's craft through analysis and critically evaluative comments.

TC3 - Understanding the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

A plot and character summary of 'A Christmas Carol:' Full text (if on MS Teams) = [A Christmas Carol Audiobook](#)



THE CHARACTERS

Scrooge
A mean, miserable, lonely old miser. Can he learn the truth about Christmas and about himself before it is too late?

Bob Cratchit
Scrooge's poor office clerk and a loving father. Can he earn enough money to save his son's life?

Tiny Tim
Bob's gentle, frail son. Will he live or will he die?

Jacob Marley's ghost
Scrooge's dead business partner. Will his terrible warning come too late?

Ghost of Christmas Past
Why does this ghost make Scrooge weep with both joy and sorrow?

Ghost of Christmas Present
A cheerful spirit. Will Scrooge heed his warnings?

Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come
A frightening, silent ghost. Can Scrooge change the dreadful future this spirit shows him?

Using this information can you:

- Recount what happens from start to finish in the novella?
- Explain who the primary characters are, and what makes them unique?

You should use this information to get the base knowledge needed for Chares Dickens' story.

E.g. The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come shows Scrooge a horrible future where he dies- he is a silent, petrifying ghost.

How to analyse the writer's craft- break the quotation up into smaller chunks. Example on Scrooge.

Golden-adjective = suggests value.

Noun: Sunlight brings life, light and warmth. Scrooge brings life as he gives money to Bob to ensure Tiny Tim continues to live. He brings light as he is a much more jolly and friendly person. He brings warmth as he is a far warmer, more compassionate man.

Scrooge is a rare and valuable human being- a nice rich man. He is valued by the people around them, now!

Golden sunlight; Heavenly sky; sweet fresh air; merry bells.

Scrooge also now values the sunlight and the world around him = he is appreciative.

Adjective- Scrooge sees Heaven above him in the sky. London is now a place he is happy in- it is a heaven to him. It also suggests his new religious side- where he follows God's teachings to treat others well.

Adjective- links to the idea of rebirth. Scrooge is starting afresh- he is reincarnated as a completely new Scrooge. The whole world is fresh to him and he is fresh to the world and the people around him, too.

In order to be successful, **you must know a range of different moments** from the whole story. For example, other moments where Scrooge is important include:

- Scrooge's introduction as a miserable boss. "Bah! Humbug!"
- Scrooge as a child. "Poor boy!"
- Scrooge's reaction to the ghosts. "I will honour Christmas in my heart."

The relationships between A Christmas Carol and the historical context in which they are written.



Prince Albert and Queen Victoria decorating a Christmas tree 1848. Where the tradition started.



Saint Nicholas- patron saint of children, known for his generosity and kindness.



INSPIRED



The Ghost of Christmas Present, who resembles Saint Nicholas and is surrounded by new Victorian Christmas tradition.



Look out for other parts of the novella clearly inspired by the outside world. i.e. poverty, treatment of children, workhouses.