

Quiz Time!

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Part One: Before Marley's Visit

1. On the back of this paper, write a sentence or two describing Ebenezer Scrooge. Be sure you can support your ideas with events from the story.
2. List three things in Part One that prove the setting is England, 1843.

3. List the other characters in Part One. Explain each character's relationship to Scrooge.

4. Explain how Scrooge's lifestyle is inconsistent with his wealth.

5. Does Scrooge enjoy life? Use examples from the story to explain your answer.

6. Would you have wanted Scrooge to be your friend? Explain.

Part Two: Marley's Visit

1. Who is Marley? What is Marley's relation to Scrooge?

2. What is Marley's purpose in the story?

3. List several ways Marley and Scrooge are alike.

4. List several differences between Marley and Scrooge.

5. What signals does Dickens use to let the reader know that Scrooge will have an unusual evening?

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1. Using complete sentences, carefully describe the appearance of the first Spirit.

2. The Spirit shows Scrooge his own past loneliness as a child whose only friends were characters in books. Scrooge feels a pang of sorrow and sheds a tear, for he connects the scene with something that had happened earlier that day. It causes him deep regret. Can you describe what had happened, why he is sorry, and what he wishes he had done?

3. The Spirit next shows Scrooge with his sister and says, "...she had a large heart." What does he say next that causes Scrooge to feel uneasy in his mind?

4. The Spirit next shows old Fezziwig holding a joyous Christmas party and dance. Scrooge was a young apprentice then and is delighted to remember his old employer's generous actions. The Spirit questions whether Fezziwig deserves praise, and Scrooge defends him, saying, "...the happiness he gives is quite as great as if it cost a fortune."

His own words make Scrooge instantly remember and regret an action earlier in the day. What had happened, why is he sorry, and what do you think he wishes he had done?

5. The Spirit shows Scrooge a final scene from the past—Belle, the girl he had once loved but lost because of his greed. Using complete sentences and specific details, describe the events in Belle's home on Christmas Eve.

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1. Using complete sentences and specific details, describe the Ghost of Christmas Present.

2. What physical change has taken place in the Ghost by the end of Stave Three?

3. The Ghost and Scrooge visit Bob Cratchit's home. Using complete sentences and specific details, describe the home, the children, and the dinner.

4. The Ghost next takes Scrooge to visit Fred, his nephew. Using complete sentences and details, describe the activities that take place there.

5. Scrooge sees that he is being discussed at both Cratchit's and Fred's homes.

a. Explain carefully how Bob Cratchit refers to Scrooge. What does he say?

b. What does Mrs. Cratchit say about Scrooge?

c. Explain carefully how Fred refers to Scrooge. What does he say?

d. What does Fred's wife say about Scrooge?

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1. Using complete sentences, explain the lesson that Scrooge learns from each Spirit.

Spirit One:

Spirit Two:

Spirit Three:

2. What was Dicken's purpose in presenting the Spirits in time order (past, present, future)?

3. Which Spirit was the most frightening to Scrooge? Explain your choice.

4. Which Spirit had the greatest effect on Scrooge? Explain your choice.

5. Choose one of the Spirits. Describe it. Explain how its appearance relates to its lesson.

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1. List several changes in Scrooge.

2. Besides changes in Scrooge, what other changes does Dickens include in this section?

3. Why were the Spirits able to change Scrooge's attitude?

4. How does Scrooge show he is sincere about his promise to keep Christmas all year?

5. Predict what Scrooge's future life will be like.

6. Would you want the new Scrooge for a friend? Explain your answer.
