

A CHRISTMAS CAROL



Scrooge and Bob are both working late on Christmas Eve.	Scrooge turns down Fred's invitation, scorns the charity collectors and reluctantly gives Bob Christmas Day off.	Scrooge slowly makes his way home and sees Marley's face in his door knocker.	Later that evening, Marley's ghost appears.	Marley warns Scrooge that he must change his ways to avoid the same fate. He explains that he'll be visited by three spirits.	The Ghost of Christmas Past appears.	Scrooge is taken to the village where he grew up and sees his younger self in school: alone at Christmas.
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Scrooge has completely changed. He laughs, dances and wishes passers-by a Merry Christmas.	He buys the Cratchits a huge turkey then joins Fred and his friends for Christmas dinner.	The next day Scrooge gives Bob a pay rise.	We're told that Tiny Tim will survive, and that Scrooge celebrates Christmas for the rest of his life.	AO1: Characters			Scrooge then sees happier Christmases: his sister Fan coming to take him home and a party organised by his old boss, Fezziwig.	
Scrooge finds himself back in his own bed on Christmas Day.	AO1: Themes			Scrooge: - Motivated by money - He is cold hearted - His past shaped him - Has to see himself as others see him - Tiny Tim is his catalyst for change - Scrooge's values change - His actions in S5 mirror those in S1 - His change <u>is</u> the story	Marley: - Represents what Scrooge would be - Punished by God - His appearance is disturbing - He is full of regret - He is now selfless	The Cratchits: - Poor but loving - B polite to Scrooge - B = devoted father - Mrs C good natured but busy - Tiny Tim is frail but doesn't moan	Present: - Generously helps others - Compassionate jolly and peaceful - Shows Xmas despite isolation - Sad about poverty	Scrooge is then shown his split from Belle, before being shown Belle's family, who remind Scrooge of missed opportunities.
Scrooge promises the Ghost that he will honour Christmas and change the course of his life.	Poverty: - Dickens exposes unfair treatment of poor - Wealthy must take responsibility - Cratchits = Victorian poor - Poverty can be seedy - Not as simple as rich and poor	Redemption: - The reality of the visions changes - There are hints S. will be redeemed - Scrooge's changed behaviour leads to redemption - Scrooge isn't forced to change - Transformed by learning empathy	Christmas: - Brings out the best in people - Involves generosity and kindness - Religious and secular side - Powerful enough to transform Scrooge - Message = all year		Fred: - He is Scrooge's foil, due to their contrast - He's very cheerful - Shows true Christmas Spirit - Warm and friendly	Past: - Memory and truth - Quiet but strong - Fan = Sorrow - Fezziwig = antithesis - Belle = regret - S is reluctant	Yet to Come: - Mysterious, silent and intimidating - Scares Scrooge with the future - Pities Scrooge - Moment of change - Symbol of death?	The Ghost of Christmas Present arrives.
The Ghost takes Scrooge to a graveyard and points to a grave with Scrooge's name on it.	Family: - Source of comfort - Full of happiness - Scrooge didn't see the point, at first - Scrooge is isolated and alone to contrast the warmth of families - Scrooge finally embraces his chance for a family							Scrooge and the Ghost stop at the Cratchit's house on Christmas Day. Scrooge learns Tiny Tim will die.
Scrooge and the Ghost visit the Cratchits again. He's upset to find out that Tiny Tim has died.	Scrooge is shown a corpse under a bed sheet and a woman rejoicing that her debt collector is dead	Scrooge sees a group of thieves trying to sell the dead man's belongings, including the shirt from his corpse.	The Ghost silently shows Scrooge the uncaring reaction of some people to an unknown man's death.		The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come collects Scrooge.	The Ghost reveals two starving children: Ignorance and Want. The ghost warns Scrooge to beware of them.	They then visit Fred's house. The guests at his party make fun of Scrooge and his attitude towards	Scrooge and the Ghost see people all over the world enjoying Christmas, in spite of their isolation.