

A Christmas Carol: Quick Notes Revision Quiz

Plot, characters, context, themes, quotations and an exam-style plan for Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*.

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Learning objective: I can recall the plot, characters, themes and context of *A Christmas Carol*.

✓ I know the plot ✓ I can link characters and themes ✓ I can use context

1 The plot

Number the events of *A Christmas Carol* in order.

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A The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge's own grave.

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B Scrooge refuses to give money to charity collectors.

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C Scrooge sends a prize turkey to the Cratchits.

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D The Ghost of Christmas Present shows the Cratchits' Christmas dinner.

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E The ghost of Jacob Marley visits Scrooge.

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F The Ghost of Christmas Past shows Scrooge his lonely childhood.

2 Characters

Match each character to a description.

1 Bob Cratchit

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A Scrooge's cheerful nephew

2 Tiny Tim

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B Scrooge's kind former employer

3 Fred

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C the young woman Scrooge once hoped to marry

4 Belle

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D Scrooge's poorly paid, loyal clerk

5 Fezziwig

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E Bob's ill young son

3 Themes

For each theme, give one moment where it appears and the character most linked to it.

Theme	Where it appears	Linked character
Redemption		
Poverty		
Family		

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4 Context and themes

	TRUE	FALSE
1 The novella was published in 1843.	☐	☐
2 Dickens wanted to encourage readers to help the poor.	☐	☐
3 The Poor Law of 1834 made workhouses more comfortable.	☐	☐
4 Ignorance and Want are shown as two children.	☐	☐

5 Quotations Explain what each quotation shows. Name the speaker or character where you can.

1 “as solitary as an oyster” [2 marks]

2 “Are there no prisons?” [2 marks]

3 “I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.” [2 marks]

6 Exam practice

How does Dickens present the importance of generosity? Plan three points with evidence.

Answer Key

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Question	Answers
1 The plot	Correct order: B, E, F, D, A, C Scrooge refuses to give money to charity collectors. → The ghost of Jacob Marley visits Scrooge. → The Ghost of Christmas Past shows Scrooge his lonely childhood. → The Ghost of Christmas Present shows the Cratchits' Christmas dinner. → The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge's own grave. → Scrooge sends a prize turkey to the Cratchits.
2 Characters	1 D; 2 E; 3 A; 4 C; 5 B
3 Themes	Redemption – Where it appears: Scrooge wakes on Christmas morning, changed , Linked character: Scrooge Poverty – Where it appears: Ignorance and Want; the Cratchits' dinner , Linked character: the Cratchits Family – Where it appears: Fred's Christmas party , Linked character: Fred
4 Context and themes	1 True; 2 True; 3 False – workhouses were deliberately made harsh to discourage people from relying on them; 4 True
5 Quotations	1. the narrator describing Scrooge – he is isolated and closed off from others. 2. Scrooge – his cruel, uncaring attitude to the poor, echoing harsh Victorian views. 3. Scrooge – his transformation and redemption.
6 Exam practice	Look for: • Scrooge before and after his transformation • The Cratchits and Fezziwig as models of generosity • Context: Victorian poverty, the Poor Law, Dickens's social message

Teaching note: quotations are from Dickens's novella, which is out of copyright.