

English Core Assessment – Reading.

'A Christmas Carol' By Charles Dickens.

To explore how Scrooge changes from a 'Covetous old sinner' to 'a good man' in the course of 'A Christmas Carol'.

Also include...

- Organise writing into paragraphs.
- Use P.E.E to show how scrooge changed.
- Include into-Charles Dickens + Victorian setting.
- Summarise story briefly ,without quotes.
- Conclusion-sum up how Scrooge is now a good man.
- Start off with an introduction-(Date the book itself was written/ history of the book itself etc.

The story 'A Christmas Carol' written by Charles Dickens is a well known famous tale published in 1843. Dickens first started to write 'A Christmas Carol' in October 1843 and then went on to completing it a few months later in November 1843, just in time to publish for Christmas. After arguing with his publishers Dickens financed the publishing of the book himself and set the price at five shillings each so that everyone could afford a copy. However, because of the low price Dickens had been selling the books at he was unable to make any profit out of it despite the very high sales. 'A Christmas Carol' was a sensational hit selling six thousand copies within the first few days of being released onto the market. Soon the Christmas tale became well know throughout millions of homes giving Christmas a true meaning, and yet we all still remember and share his story with everyone around us. In fact the story Dickens shared with us had such an impact on so many people that there has been over 200 films made about the story itself. Throughout the years it has been Spreading Christmas cheer throughout every family each Christmas.

A Christmas Carol is a story about redemption. It is about how one man, who has led a selfish and greedy life, gets a chance to revisit his past and observe the consequences of his choices in life. Ebenezer Scrooge is a penny-pinching selfish character. He cares nothing for the people around him and they exist only for the money that can be made through business and intimidation. He particularly detests Christmas which he believes is 'a time for finding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer'. However after a few visits from the three spirits scrooges beliefs about Christmas suddenly change. Scrooge is visited, on Christmas Eve, by the ghost of his former partner Jacob Marley who died seven Christmas Eves ago. Marley warns Scrooge that if he continues to live so selfishly, he will spend eternity wearing the chains that his greed has built. Three ghosts visit Scrooge over the course of three days ,scrooge was visited by the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of