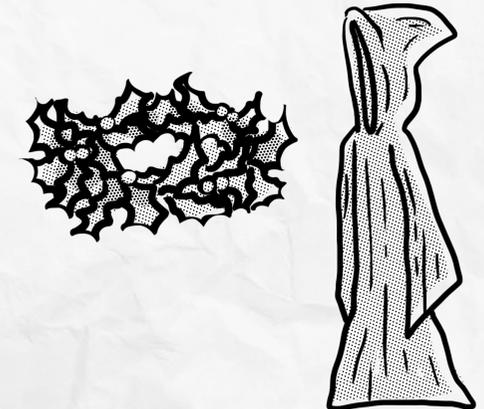
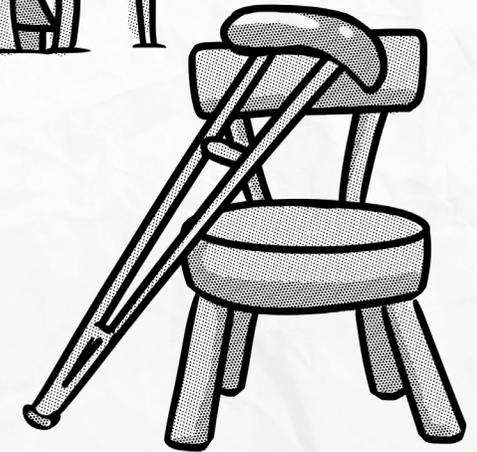
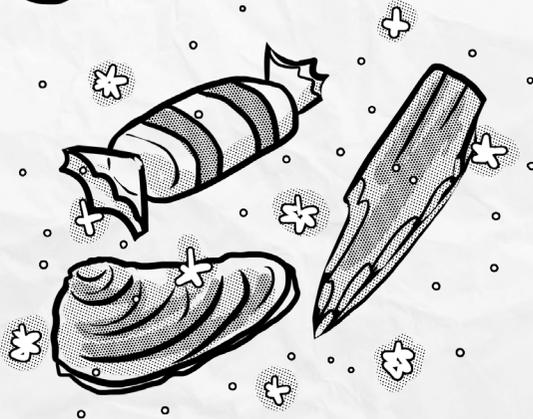
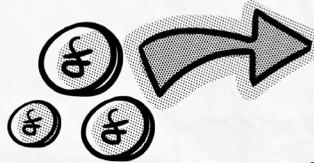


# GCSE A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens



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## Characters

At the beginning of the story, what things does Scrooge value and think are important?

What type of person is Bob Cratchit?

How is Fezziwig shown to be a good character?

Why is Fred a good nephew to Scrooge?

Why does the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come not talk and dress in black?

How has Scrooge changed by the end of the story?

## Genre

What order do the spirits visit Scrooge in? Why?

Who does Scrooge meet at the start and end of the story? Why might Dickens have done this?

Why does the narrator of the story appear friendly at the start?

Why does each ghost appear in their own stave?

## Dickens' Methods

The setting at the start of the story is always dark, cold and miserable. Why might Dickens have done this? How is it different at the end?

Why does Scrooge often repeat 'Bah, humbug' when people talk to him?

## What do the Quotes Tell Us About...?

Scrooge – *'Are there no prisons? asked Scrooge'.*

Scrooge – *'Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster'.*

Bob Cratchit – *'Oh, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly too, that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved by Mrs Cratchit.'*

Scrooge – *'A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow... I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family.'*

## Plot

What impression do we get of Scrooge in the first stave?

Where does the Ghost of Christmas Past take Scrooge?

Why does the Ghost of Christmas Present show Scrooge different people celebrating Christmas Day?

Why is the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come's visit so upsetting to Scrooge?

Why does the story end with Scrooge caring for Tiny Tim?

## Themes

What does Dickens want the readers to learn from A Christmas Carol?

Provide three examples of how social responsibility is shown in the story.

Family is an important theme throughout the story. Find three examples of positive family relationships.

## Character Relationships

Describe Scrooge's relationship with his nephew, Fred

What type of relationship did Scrooge have with his sister, Fan?

What are the relationships like in the Cratchit family?

Why does Scrooge take such an interest in Tiny Tim?

Before he changes, does Scrooge have any good friends? Why?