

A Christmas Carol Journal Entries

Directions: Date and number your entries. Write the question in your journal. Then write complete sentence answers.

Entries:

1. What gives you joy at Christmas time? Entry should be one page long.
2. Write a description of Scrooge in your journal based on the written story and the video. You should use some words from the story. Be sure to put quotation marks around exact words from the book. Entry should be one-half page.
3. What is your opinion of Scrooge? Would you expect Scrooge to do philanthropy? Why or why not? Consider: how he chooses to live his life; how he treats others (such as Bob Cratchit); his response to the Gentleman Visitor's request; and, the author's description of Scrooge. Entry should be one-half page.
4. What do you think Marley's chain represents? Why does he wear it?
5. Why does Marley appear to Scrooge?
6. Write out the quote from Stave One that indicates Marley is sorry for the priorities he had when he was alive.
7. Looking at this quote, what do you think the spirit is trying to teach Scrooge and what, if anything, has he learned at this point? (Use the definitions on your vocabulary sheet to help you answer this question.)
8. Compare Scrooge with his late partner, Jacob Marley. How are they alike?
9. Contrast Scrooge with his old master, Fezziwig. How are they different?
10. According to Scrooge, why was Fezziwig a good master?
11. What seems to be happening to Scrooge here?
12. List at least five characteristics of a person who does philanthropy.
13. Write a paragraph in your journal contrasting Scrooge's life with Bob Cratchit's.
14. Write a new description of Scrooge in your journal. Entry should be one-half page.
15. What led to this change? Consider the spirits and the climax.
16. Based on class discussions, write what you think is one philanthropic theme found in *A Christmas Carol*

