

# A Christmas Carol

## Stave 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



1. What is the time and place of the novel?
2. What is Marley according to our narrator? (hint: it's a simile)
3. What is Scrooge's relationship to Marley?
4. "Scrooge was not so dreadfully cut up by the sad event" of Marley's funeral. What does this mean and what does it tell us about Scrooge's personality?
5. The narrator describes Scrooge. Give a brief summary in bullet points characterizing Scrooge.
6. What will happen to Scrooge's assistant if he tries to replenish his fire with a piece of coal from the locked coal-box in Scrooge's office?
7. How does his assistant try to keep warm?
8. What relative comes to visit Scrooge and wish him a Merry Christmas?
9. Why does Scrooge say his visitor shouldn't be merry at Christmas time or any other time?
10. What would Scrooge like to do to "every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips"?
11. His nephew claims Christmas has done him good and he shall always be merry at Christmas. Why?
12. Where is Scrooge invited?
13. When exactly did Marley die?
14. How much does Scrooge's assistant make in a week?
15. What do Scrooge's second visitors want from him?
16. Explain this quote, "We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt and Abundance rejoices."
17. Why won't Scrooge give anything to the Gentlemen?

18. Who else visits Scrooge before he leaves his counting-house for the day? And how does Scrooge react?



*Use your Graphic Organizer to answer the questions about Marley's Spooky Visit*



19. What does Marley tell Scrooge the reason is for “spirits walk[ing] the earth”?

20. What does Jacob Marley have on his chains? What do these items represent?

21. Instead of dedicating his life only to making money, what should have been Jacob Marley's “business”?

22. **From the original text:** What is Jacob Marley's punishment and what has him confused tonight?

23. Why will the spirits haunt Scrooge?

24. When will each spirit visit Scrooge? (time and date)

25. **From the original text:** What does Scrooge see outside of his window when Jacob Marley leaves?

26. **From the original text:** At the end of the stave, what does Scrooge do?

### CHARACTERIZATION

In your own words, describe Scrooge's Personality.



Evidence (specific examples: speech, action, etc.) from the text to support your description:

Quote from the text to support your description: