

Before Reading Strategy: *Predicting*

Using only the words below and your knowledge of the story, write a prediction for the events of Stave II in the box.

child --- old man --- pimple --- books --- sister --- girlfriend

1. What is Scrooge so confused by in the beginning of the stave?
2. Describe the appearance of the first spirit.
3. What is the first spirit called? Why do you think he appears as both an old man and a child? What could this symbolize?
4. What part of Scrooge's past did the spirit show him first?
5. How is the boy Scrooge spending Christmas?
6. Who were Scrooge's school friends? ****From Power Point****
7. After Scrooge sees himself as a boy in the schoolhouse, what does he tell the spirit he wishes he had done earlier that day? Why do you think Scrooge had a change of heart?
8. What does the third scene of Scrooge's Christmas past reveal to the reader about his relationship with his sister, Fan, and his father?
9. How many children did Scrooge's sister Fan have?



10. After the boarding school, where is the next place that the spirit takes Scrooge?
11. Who is Fezziwig? Provide 2 words to describe him.
12. Who would you rather have for a boss—Fezziwig or Scrooge? Why?
13. Why does Scrooge say, “I should like to say a word or two to my clerk just now.”?
14. Who is the girl Scrooge is talking to in the scene after Fezziwig’s?
15. This girl says that another idol, a *golden* idol, has displaced (replaced) her in Scrooge’s heart. What does she mean?
16. Why do you think the spirit takes Scrooge to see Belle, her husband, and all of their children?

