The Ghost of Christmas Past

THEME	Stave	QUOTES	ANALYISIS
Selfishness/ Materialism	2	_**"bright clear jet of light"**_	The ghost is trying to eradicate Scrooge's selfishness through illuminating his past.
Supernatural	2	_**"It was a strange figure—like a child: yet not so like a child as like an old man"**_	The ghost is presented as **paradoxical and conflicting**, not conforming to the physical ideas of the human world. The **juxtaposition** of it being _**"like a child"**_ and simultaneously _**"like an old man"**_ is metaphorical for Scrooge. He appears physically alike to an _**"old man"**_ as he is branded an _**"old sinner"**_, yet is vulnerable and isolated akin to how he was as a _**"child"**_.
	2	_**"one arm, now with one leg, now with twenty legs, now a pair of legs"**_	The ghosts can also be seen to be supernatural incarnations of Scrooge. its **metamorphosis (physical transformation) and transmogrification** (change in a surprising manner) could be **symbolic of how Scrooge's transmogrification is imminent**.
Religion	2	_**"wore a tunic of the purest white"**_	_**"purest white"**_ creates a **celestial image of heaven and purity from sin**. As the ghost wears a _**"tunic"**_ of this colour, it is suggestive that his aim is to **resurface Scrooge's repressed memories** and emotions in order to **purify him from his previous sins**. This would allow Scrooge at a chance of **redemption to later enter heaven**.
Regret/ Redemption	2	_**"bright clear jet of light"**_	_**"Light"**_ creates an image of hope and brightness, this symbolises how the ghost's function is to **brighten up Scrooge's life with his moral awakening**. The ghost's function is to show Scrooge how hopeful and joyous life he could lead if he embarks on a **pathway of redemption**.
	2	_**"could not hide the light"**_	As the **ghost's light is emblematic of hope**, it foreshadows how Scrooge **cannot escape** his redemption. The ghost will help aid Scrooge to his **moral and spiritual awakening** and he cannot _**"hide"**_ from this.