

# How to write notes for A Christmas Carol

In A Christmas Carol, we have our **clear protagonist**– Scrooge. So, a large amount of our quotes for this will be for him, ensuring we definitely have quotes from across the novella so we can mention his change (this is really important for understanding Scrooge!)

## PROTAGONIST

- We'd recommend **5-6 key quotes for Scrooge** (7-8 if you're pushing yourself and want to ensure you're extra prepared for any question!)
- So we'd roughly recommend **1 key quote per theme** (look at our theme tables for help, then look at our documents of analysis for more detailed analysis on each quote)
- Each quote doesn't have to be exactly from each theme, but as long as you've got quotes that you could explain to fit different themes then that works!
- Particularly for Scrooge, you want to make sure you've got some quotes that allow you to show his change. Looking at for example **parallels** in languages within quotes. **"quite a baby"** (stave 5) juxtaposes **"old sinner"** (stave 1). If you want the detailed analysis on this, go on
- **"Scrooge Stave 5"** and check out the video and analysis on this one, but this is just to give you an example of how quotes can be used with one another too.

## OTHER CHARACTERS

- For the ghosts (**Marley, past, present and yet to come**) we would recommend 3 quotes for each. Try pick quotes that you can link to what they **symbolise/ are trying to teach Scrooge**. If you watch all the videos of the ghosts on the hub, this will be easy for you to pick out
- For the **Cratchits/ Bob Cratchit**, around **4 quotes** would be perfect. As Bob represents the poor, as do his family, we have seen in recent years that the effects on the poor and poverty have been questions. Therefore, it is helpful to know quotes about Bob, and also how Scrooge treats Bob (to compare Scrooge's treatment of Bob and the poor, have a look at Scrooge stave 1 and compare it with the analysis of Scrooge stave 4 and 5)

## CONTEXT

- Know each bit of context and roughly how it links.
- Off the top of your head you should be able to name the **5 main** bits of context and what it means
- Look at our context sheets for these!

## LUCKILY

The hub has all the **analysis and context** done for you. We'd recommend summarising it, writing it in your own words in your tables/ sheets and then revising it (see the different revision methods we have on this section). If you're struggling with which quote goes with which theme, have a look at the theme tables on the hub. With most quotes too, they will fit into more than one theme. So as long as you can link and explain that in the exam, then you'll be absolutely fine!

# Example of Scrooge notes:

SELFISHNESS/ MATERIALISM	SOCIAL INJUSTICE/ POVERTY	SUPERNATURAL	KINDNESS/ FAMILY	RELIGION	REGRET/ REDEMPTION
<p><u><b>"the cold within him froze his old features".</b></u></p> <p>The conceit (extended-metaphor) of the relentless cold holds parallels to Scrooge's distant and cold attitude—his internal apathy and detachment is so omnipotent; it alters his physical appearance</p> <p>(<b>check out the detailed analysis of this on our Scrooge Stave 1 document</b>)</p>	<p>Watch our Scrooge videos to get the high grade analysis!</p>				