

# Essay Plan - Kindness / Family

**‘How is transformation presented in A Christmas Carol?’**

## Overview of Plan:

- Fred is a foil to Scrooge
- Cratchits personify kindness
- Scrooge in stave 5 exemplifies kindness

## Key:

- **Purple words** = my point for that paragraph
- **Orange words** = linking back to the question
- (make sure you have 1 point per paragraph constantly link back to, this can normally be another key theme but if not use a word/phrase, and then the word from the question)

## Paragraph 1

Fred serves as a **foil** (highlight opposite traits) to Scrooge. His **magnanimous** (kind) nature **juxtaposes** his Uncle's **misanthropy** as Fred is compassionate and **kind** to Scrooge despite his **callousness** (cruelty)

- **Evidence:** "*all in a glow; his face was ruddy and handsome; his eyes sparkled*" (stave 1) compared to Scrooge "*frosty rime*" "*darkness is cheap*" (stave 1)
- **Motif of light:** Dickens employs a **motif** (recurring symbol or theme) of light. Light often signifies **hope and enlightenment** in the novella, thus he becomes a **beacon (guidance) of hope for Scrooge's redemption** through his exemplary **kindness** and magnanimousness – this **juxtaposes** the dark imagery around Scrooge.
- **Foil to Scrooge:** (character used to accentuate the traits of the main character) to Scrooge, highlighting his lack of **kindness** and **miserly (stingy)** tendencies.
- This **juxtaposition** emphasise Scrooge's remarkable transformation by Stave 5. Fred's character serves as a **benchmark for Scrooge's moral rebirth, allowing the reader to measure the extent of his positive change** to a **kind** and compassionate individual

## Paragraph 2

Despite the Cratchits lack of materialism, their **interconnected familial bond** makes them **spiritually rich** - even in spite of the lack of **kindness** upper class members, personified by Scrooge, show them they still remain grateful and a united family unit.

- **Evidence:** *"I'll give you Mr. Scrooge, the Founder of the Feast!"*
- **Connotation of "Founder":** "**creatorship**", reflecting how Bob perceives Scrooge with a **quasi-divine reverence** (having features of being God-like). Despite Scrooge's lack of **kindness** and exploitation, Bob cherishes this strongly interconnected **familial** bond as he feels **spiritually rich**.
- This quote from Bob explores the **disheartening reality** where the **destitute** (extremely poor), like Bob, feel **indebted (owing) and blindly grateful** to those who exploit them and show no **kindness** or compassion.
- **Exclamative sentence:** Bob epitomises (perfect example) **the power of true wealth**. Despite their **meagre materialistic possessions**, their **gratitude** for their **family** is emphasised by the exclamative sentence - challenging the idea that material wealth equates to **moral superiority**. **Bob is spiritually rich**.

### Paragraph 3

Scrooge **transmogrifies** (change in a surprising way) into a compassionate and benevolent (loving) and **kind** member of society as he **experiences redemption**. He undergoes a **rebirth**, both morally and spiritually, making him epitomise **kindness** and generosity by stave 5.

- **Evidence:** *"Quite a baby" "merry as a schoolboy"*
- **Infantile language:** This indicates his **rebirth**, as both a "baby" and "schoolboy" connote **innocence and youth**, Scrooge is showcasing how through him **repenting for his sins**, he has regained his youthful innocence and ability to be **kind** and generous.
- As being a "baby" is the start of life, this signifies that Scrooge has been **reborn** as he has gone from a selfish "old sinner" back to the most innocent form of human life- he has had the **ultimate rebirth** into a **kind** and compassionate member of society.
- **Christian ideas of rebirth:** In Christianity, **rebirth** is a **spiritual renewal and connection with God**. This is deeply intertwined with the belief in **Jesus Christ's rebirth**, which offered **salvation to humanity** - Scrooge holds promise of salvation for the poor through his newfound **kindness** and generosity