

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," including its themes, characters, and moral lessons. The student will engage in creative activities that reinforce their comprehension and allow them to express their insights creatively.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen/pencil for note-taking and writing activities
- Access to a copy of "A Christmas Carol" (can be online or physical)
- Art supplies (colored pencils, markers, or crayons)
- Access to a quiet space for reading and reflection
- Prepare a list of discussion questions about the book

Activities

- **Character Mapping:**

Have the student create a character map for Ebenezer Scrooge, including his traits, motivations, and changes throughout the story. This can be done on paper or digitally.

- **Scene Reenactment:**

Choose a favorite scene from the book and have the student act it out or create a short skit. This can involve using props found around the house to make it more engaging.

- **Creative Writing:**

Encourage the student to write a letter from Scrooge to one of the spirits after his transformation, reflecting on what he has learned. This activity helps them think critically about character development.

- **Artistic Interpretation:**

Ask the student to draw or create a collage that represents the main themes of "A Christmas Carol," such as redemption, generosity, and the spirit of Christmas.

Talking Points

- "What do you think Scrooge learns from the Ghost of Christmas Past? How does this shape his character?"
- "Why do you think Dickens chose to use ghosts in the story? What do they symbolize?"
- "Can you relate to Scrooge's transformation? Have you ever changed your mind about something important?"
- "What role does family play in 'A Christmas Carol'? How does it affect Scrooge's decisions?"
- "How do the themes of generosity and kindness manifest in the story? Can you think of a time when you experienced or witnessed these values?"
- "What lesson do you think Dickens wanted to teach his readers through Scrooge's story?"
- "How does the setting of Victorian England influence the story? What might be different if it took place today?"