

Core A - Week 12

A Christmas Carol- Staves 1 & 2 Support your answers with material from the text, and do not consult the internet in order to answer any of the questions.

Look up the following vocabulary words and record the definitions on a separate sheet before you begin your reading. Attach the definitions to this sheet.

Remorse-23	Opaque-27	Vestige-30	Avarice-37
Enshrouded-26	Recumbent-28	Capacious-34	Sordid-37
	Reclamation-30	Negus-35	

1. On pages 11-21, we are introduced to the character of Scrooge. Make note of how Dickens uses the following tools to help the reader understand the protagonist of the story: Ebenezer Scrooge.

- His appearance:

- His thoughts, actions and speech:

- How other people react to and what other people say about him:

- His setting, his typical surroundings, and the weather:

2. Explain why Marley and the other spirits must wander the earth, and what they're trying but unable to do as they wander.

3. What do Jacob Marley's chains symbolize?

4. What kinds of regrets and wishes does Scrooge begin to have as he sees Christmases from the past?

5. On pages 37-38 we infer that Scrooge had been engaged to the young woman he was talking to. Why does she break off the engagement?

Bonus: What Bible verse gives the same message as the following passage?

“But you were always a good man of business, Jacob,” faltered Scrooge, who now began to apply this to himself.

“Business!” cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again. “Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!” (24).