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*A Christmas Carol* – Comprehension Questions

1. List 3 things in Act One that prove the setting of the story is England, 1843. (Do not use the stage direction.)
  
2. Identify each of the following character's relationship to Scrooge.
  - A. Jacob Marley
  - B. Bob Cratchit
  - C. Fred
  - D. Fan
  - E. Tiny Tim
  
3. Explain how Scrooge's lifestyle is inconsistent with his wealth.
  
4. What is Marley's purpose in the story?
  
5. List three ways that Scrooge and Marley are alike **and** three ways they are different.
  
6. Using complete sentences, carefully describe the appearances of each spirit.

7. What physical change takes place in the spirit of Christmas Present from when he first appears in the story to when he leaves.
8. Scrooge and Christmas Present visit Bob Cratchit's home. Give specific details about the home, the children, and the dinner.
9. Why is the spirit of Christmas Present a stranger to Scrooge?
10. Bob Cratchit offers a toast to Scrooge. His feelings toward Scrooge are obviously different from those of his wife. What would cause difference in their feelings?
11. Using complete sentences, explain the lesson that Scrooge learns from each of the spirits.
12. Which spirit most frightened Scrooge? Why?
13. Which spirit has the greatest effect on Scrooge? Why?
14. Scrooge says, "I am not the man I was." What does he mean? What has caused the change?
15. Explain why the visions of the future convince Scrooge to change?

16. At the end Scrooge promises to honor Christmas all year. How does he see this promise as a way to alter his present life?
17. List several changes that had taken place in Scrooge by the end of the story.
18. How does Scrooge show he is sincere about his promise to keep Christmas all year?
19. Scrooge says he is happy that the “time” before him is his own. Explain what this means and why is time now so important?
20. In five to seven sentences predict what Scrooge’s future life will be like.

