



ONE SHEET REVISION

Stave Four

The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come solemnly approaches Scrooge in its black garment. It responds to Scrooge's questions with silence and motions for him to follow. They instantly appear in the city and listen in on some businessmen who casually and jokingly discuss someone's death. Scrooge wonders why the Ghost is showing him these conversations and what bearing they have on his future self. However, he does not see himself among the crowds.



1. Consider the decluttered description of the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. Think about how Dickens uses language to present the ghost. Annotate around the description with your ideas.

Phantom

slowly, gravely, silently

approached

scatter gloom and mystery

shrouded

deep black garment

concealed head, face, form

tall

stately

mysterious presence

silent shape

spectral hand

one great heap of black

Scrooge and the Ghost travel through a poor, run-down part of town. In a shop, several people divvy up some possessions they have plundered from a man who has recently died. Scrooge tells the Ghost that he sees his life might turn out like the dead man's. The scene changes and Scrooge is at the plundered bed of the corpse. Scrooge cannot bring himself to raise the veil of the dead man and see his face. Scrooge asks the Ghost to show him someone who has been emotionally affected by the man's death.



2. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Consider the following passage:

They left the busy scene, and went into an obscure part of the town, where Scrooge had never penetrated before, although he recognised its situation, and its bad repute. The ways were foul and narrow; the shops and houses wretched; the people half-naked, drunken, slipshod, ugly. Alleys and archways, like so many cesspools, disgorged their offenses of smell, and dirt, and life, upon the straggling streets; and the whole quarter reeked with crime, with filth, and misery.

What do we learn about how some of the poor live from this passage? Consider the language Dickens uses in your answer.

Which of Scrooge's possessions are being sold to Old Joe? Why do you think Mrs Dilber and the others have stolen Scrooge's possessions?

Why does Scrooge need to see someone who has been emotionally affected by the unidentified man's death? How does this show he has changed?



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They are transported to the house of a young couple, who rejoices since their merciless creditor has died and they are not ruined from debt. Scrooge asks the host to show him some tenderness connected with a death. In the Cratchit home, Bob mourns for Tiny Tim, who has recently died. He tells the family about the kindness of Scrooge's nephew, Fred, and soon feels better when he discusses Tiny Tim's lasting memory.

Scrooge asks the Ghost who the dead man they saw was, but the Ghost only brings him to Scrooge's office. However, someone new has taken over the office. The Ghost points Scrooge toward a graveyard and to a specific grave. Before Scrooge looks at it, he asks the Ghost if these are the shadows of things that "Will" be or "May" be. Scrooge believes they are the shadows of what "May" be, but the Ghost says nothing. Scrooge sees his own name on the tombstone, and realizes he was the dead man from before. Scrooge vows to honour Christmas in his heart and live by the lessons of the past, present, and future, such that he may alter his life. The Ghost shrinks and collapses into a bedpost.



3. For each of the following quotations, consider the following:

- What does the quotation mean?
- What does the quotation suggest?
- What is the significance of the language used?

4. Consider the following images and make notes around them on how they link to Scrooge's actions at the end of Stave Four and why he acts in this way.

'It was a happier house for this man's death. The only emotion that the Ghost could show him, caused by the event, was one of pleasure.'



'Quiet. Very quiet. The noisy little Cratchits were as still as statues in one corner.'



"My little, little child!" cried Bob. "My little child!"



Written task

Either write a detailed description of what happens in Stave Four of 'A Christmas Carol' OR explain how Dickens uses this chapter to explore what could possibly happen if society does not change its ways and the poor are not saved from their suffering.