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Scrooge...Holiday Humbug?

In your pair, answer each of these questions thoroughly.

1. List five character traits of Scrooge. Provide evidence from the story to support your ideas.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
2. What is valuable to Scrooge?
3. How would you explain the importance of the Christmas season to Scrooge?
4. Prediction: How did Scrooge get his unusual attitude toward Christmas?

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Marley...Merry Miracle?

In your pair, answer each of these questions thoroughly.

1. What was the purpose of the ringing bell?
2. Why did Marley visit Scrooge?
3. What does this visit tell us about Marley?
4. What does Marley's chain represent? (i.e. What does Marley's chain *symbolize*?)
5. How is Marley's chain made?
6. What frightens Scrooge the most in this section?
7. Explain Marley's fate. What does Marley explain to Scrooge about his never-ending journey?
8. What does Scrooge learn from Marley?

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The Ghost of Christmas Past... or Holiday Historian?

In your pair, answer each of these questions thoroughly.

1. Explain what the Spirit's light represents.
2. What would cause the Spirit to hide its light under its cap?
3. Why did the Spirit visit Scrooge?
4. What was Scrooge's initial reaction to the Spirit?
5. How did young Scrooge change throughout his life?
6. What may have caused Scrooge to turn his attitude toward gold and away from people?
7. List the things in his past that caused Scrooge's present attitude about Christmas.
8. What do you think Scrooge has learned from the Ghost of Christmas Past?
9. Who do you predict will be the next ghost to visit Scrooge?

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The Ghost of Christmas Present...Featured Feaster?

In your pair, answer each of these questions thoroughly.

1. List five things that we learn about the Ghost of Christmas Present.
2. Why is the Ghost of Christmas Present a stranger to Scrooge?
3. Where does the Ghost of Christmas Present take Scrooge?
4. Why did the Spirit not show Scrooge his own present Christmas?
5. Bob Cratchit offers a Christmas toast in Scrooge's honor. Mrs. Cratchit's feelings about Scrooge are different from her husband's. What would cause this difference in their feelings?
6. After visiting the celebrations at the Cratchit's house and at his nephew's house, how do Scrooge's attitude and feelings begin to change?
7. What is happening to the Spirit at the end of this section? What would cause this to happen?
8. Make a prediction about what you think will happen to Scrooge's feelings about Christmas after his adventures with the Spirits.

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The Ghost of Christmas Future...Coming Caroler?

In your pair, answer each of these questions thoroughly.

1. Scrooge says, "I am not the man I was." What does he mean?
2. What causes these changes in Scrooge?
3. How has Scrooge been affected by the Spirits?
4. What does this final experience teach Scrooge?
5. Why is Stave Four the most frightening for Scrooge?
6. Why is the future more frightening than the present?
7. Explain why the visions of the future would convince Scrooge to alter his life.
8. At the end of this section, Scrooge promises to honor Christmas all year. How does Scrooge see this promise as a way to alter his present life?
9. Do you think Scrooge would have changed his life without the help of the Spirits? Explain your answer.

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In your pair, answer each of these questions thoroughly.

1. Specifically, what did Scrooge learn from each Spirit?
Past:

Present:

Future:
2. At the beginning of Stave Five, Scrooge is happy that the “time” before him is his own. Why would time be so important to Scrooge now?
3. How has Scrooge changed?
4. Explain the new feelings Scrooge has for the door knocker.
5. Define the word *blithe*. Write three synonyms for *blithe*.
6. Why was Scrooge so pleased with all the sights and sounds of Christmas?
7. Fred and Bob Cratchit have two different initial reactions to the new Scrooge. Explain why the men react so differently.