

Writing Activities for Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Pick any Combination of assignments that add up to 50 points. EXTRA ASSIGNMENTS WILL EARN BONUS POINTS.

You can create your own assignment and then see the teacher to negotiate a point value.

There are three different assignments that are due from these activities sheet. You may use an activity once. You may not do the same activity twice.

THE DUE DATES OF YOUR ASSIGNMENTS ARE:

Week one: Dec. 3

Week 2: Dec. 10

Week 3: Dec. 17

Selections and Point Values

10 Points Each

1. Discuss how Scrooge is like or unlike a person that you know.
2. Pretend that you're Dickens and describe the part (stave) that was the most fun or hardest to write. Explain why.
3. Describe an experience you've had that was like the experience of Scrooge in the story.
4. Write any kind of poem about Christmas (min. 16 lines).
5. Write an obituary for Scrooge.
6. Explain how Scrooge changed from the beginning to the end of the book.
7. Is Scrooge's punishment justified?
8. Explain why you would like to have one of the characters as a friend.

15 Points Each

9. Draw a color map of London in the 1800s, where the story takes place. Label the major landmarks and points of interest.
10. Write a review of the novel wherein you try to get someone else to read it.
11. Tell what you think happened before the story began.

12. Write another part of the story where you describe what happened to Scrooge after the story ended.
13. Write a different (better) ending for the story.
14. Write a letter to Dickens telling why you liked or disliked his novel.
15. Write two articles for a newspaper that would have been published in London in the late 1800s.
16. Write an interview with Scrooge as his character was at the beginning of the story.
17. Write an interview with Scrooge as his character was at the end of the story.
18. Write several diary entries made by Bob Cratchit.
19. List 15 interesting words from your book and tell why each is interesting.
20. What problems did Scrooge have and how did he solve them?
21. Create A Christmas Carol crossword puzzle.

20 Points Each

22. Do a collage of a major theme of your novel or one that illustrates certain parts of the story.
23. Write a review of A Christmas Carol and compare it to another book. What happens in each of the books and which one is better, and why?
24. Find THREE Christmas Carols (songs) that seem to relate to the story. Write out the lyrics and then write an explanation of how they relate.
25. Pretend you are living in London during the late 1800s and describe how your life is being changed socially because of the Industrial Revolution.
26. Make a scrapbook of pictures of the main characters. You could cut out pictures of people that you think look like the characters and places in the story. Or you could collect magazine and newspaper articles.
27. Do several drawings about scenes from the story (4 drawings).
28. Keep a journal as you read your book: record the dates and your reactions, thoughts, and feelings.
29. Write a long poem or rap (20 lines or more) about the book.

30. Create your own original and creative assignment based on the novel.

GENERAL GUIDELINES and ASSESSMENT

1. You must hand-in assignments at the end of each week. Reading and writing time during class will be available.
2. You must complete all unfinished assignments as homework.
3. Your progress will be recorded and will form part of your grade.

Week 1 ____ points + Week 2 ____ points + Week 3 ____ points = Total points ____
(50 Max. points)

Total points ____ X 2(two) = Activities Grade ____

Test Assessment

Stave One Test ____ Score

Stave Four Test ____ Score

Stave Two Test ____ Score

Stave Five Test ____ Score

Stave Three Test ____ Score

Average of the Five Tests ____

FINAL GRADE FORMULA

Activities Grade ____ points

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Test Average ____ points

Total ____ points

Divide total points ____ by 2 (two) =GRADE ____ %

* Final grade is counted 5 (five) times in grade book!