

Key Quotations: A Christmas Carol

How to use these:

Learn them!

Annotate them – look carefully at individual words and what they suggest; identify the techniques the writer has used.

Identify what these lines tell us about Scrooge?

Identify how these lines link to the themes of the text.

Identify how these lines link to the writer's message.

Key themes:

Redemption

Social Responsibility

Isolation

Family

“Solitary as an Oyster” (s1)

“hard and sharp as flint” (s1)

“I wear the chains I forged in life! (s1

“mankind was my business” (s1)

“If they would rather die...then they had better do it and decrease the surplus population” (S1)

“The school is not quite deserted,” said the Ghost. “A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still.” (S2)

“Another idol has displaced me... a golden one” (S2)

“This boy is ignorance; this girl is want. Beware them both.” “They are mankind’s” (S3)

“the whole quarter reeked with crime, with filth, with misery” (S4)

A body is “unwatched, unwept, uncared for” (S4)

“It’s I. Your uncle Scrooge. I have come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred? (S5)

“I’m as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy” (S5)