

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

What's it all about?

This term, students will study Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol as part of their preparation for the **AQA English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-Century Novel**.

They will explore how Dickens uses **characterisation, setting, and structure** to present ideas about **social responsibility, morality, and redemption**, while considering how the Victorian context shapes the novella's message.

How are students assessed?

Students will respond to an exam question on A Christmas Carol in AQA's Literature Paper 1. They will be given **an extract from the novella and a linked question about the whole text**.

AO1 (12 marks)	AO2 (12 marks)	AO3 (6 marks)
Assesses the students' ability to read, understand and respond to texts with: - a critical style - an informed personal response - use textual references to support and illustrate interpretations.	Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.	Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

What can be done at home to support my child's learning?

Please see the table below for recommended activities that students can complete to complement their learning in the classroom.

Read	Watch
The Guardian: Did Dickens Invent Christmas? <i>Charles Dickens: A Life</i> by Claire Tomalin Penguin articles: The real story behind Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol	TedEd: Why should you read Dickens? Mr Bruff: A Christmas Carol Playlist 24 Hours in the Past: Victorian Workhouse
Listen	Do
BBC Revision Podcast: A Christmas Carol BBC Sounds: A Christmas Carol (abridged) BBC Sounds - You're Dead to Me: Christmas with Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol at the Waterside Theatre - Visit the Victoria and Albert Museum Dickens Museum virtual tour

