**UNIT OVERVIEW: Charles Dickens’ ‘A Christmas Carol’**

**Enquiry Question: How does Dickens convey his message of change and philanthropy in the novel?**

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| **Unit intention: To clearly show understanding that a writer is at work, and that they have crafted the literary text. To provide a discriminating analysis of a writers’ methods, message and motives in writing a text.** | | | |
| **Success criteria** | | 🗸 | X |
| * To understand the contextual factors of the novel and how this influences the characters and events. * To know the key themes/characters of the novel * To know and analyse how far Dickens explores his message of social injustice * Construct a clear argument in an essays analysing key themes/characters. * To construct detailed analytical paragraphs, focusing on how Dickens uses a range of methods (character development, language, imagery). * To be able to articulate and express a clear understanding of how key contextual factors of the time influenced the motives and message of this novel. | |  |  |
| **Unit summative and formative assessment details:**   * How does Dickens reflect Thomas Malthus’ theory in the novel? * How does Dickens present the Ghost of Christmas Present? * How does Dickens show Scrooge’s change and fear towards the end of the novella? * **How does Dickens present Scrooge as an outsider?**  - **End of Unit Assessment.** | | | |
| **Home Learning (What and how often):**  Focus on independent reading. Teachers will use this half-term to promote a love for reading and tack students book choices. | | | |
| **Topic Sequence**  Scrooge’s introduction and comparison with other characters  Marley’s ghost and Dickens message  The Ghost of Christmas Past and Scrooge’s emotional development  The Ghost of Christmas Present and Dickens message of charity  The ending: how far does Scrooge’s fear influence his change in character? What is Dickens’ overall message? | **Recommended Reading to support Home Learning**  (CGP) A Christmas Carol revision guide. For additional support with understanding key themes and characters.   Online study guide: https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/christmascarol/ | | |