**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.
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| **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.**
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| **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 messageThe Ghost of Christmas Past and Scrooge’s emotional developmentThe Ghost of Christmas Present and Dickens message of charityThe 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/ |