

## A Christmas Carol.

- what is the purpose of the Cratchits in the Novel?

- they represent lower class, surplus population.
- they bring a change to Scrooge.
- they show realities of being created unwell.
- thankful, generous, lots of emotional wear forced to send children to work, so hardworking.

1) Scrooge asks the portly gentleman, 'Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?'

2) Scrooge believes that to solve the problem of the poor, society should let them die and 'decrease the surplus population.'

3) Scrooge believes the poor are 'idle' which means lazy.

→ "idle", "undeserving"

- Scrooge believes in Malthusian view (stave 1)

- Cratchit family: sympathetic face of the poor and change views held by Victorians that they were "undeserving".

- insight into their life helps (S) recognise he can improve life for the Cratchits.

- Cratchit family shows money is not key to happiness.

Mr/Mrs Cratchit.

- kind + loving
- shows family life can support people through hardship.

Children

- working long hours to provide.
- Dickens challenges beliefs that poor were 'idle'

Tiny Tim

- disabled, selfless
- surplus pop needs help from society to survive.



### Stave 3

- Scrooge (7 spirit of present), shocked when spirit "bless Bob Cratchit's dwelling with the sprinkling of his torch" - (5) didn't think they deserved it.

- Mrs Cratchit "brave in ribbons", loving family, pleased together.

- unity & togetherness.

"Scrooge was the ogre of the family"

- killing people from his actions (metaphor).

1. Mrs Cratchit is angry at Scrooge because of the way he treats them.

2. Scrooge might feel guilty and may recognise his actions are wrong.

3. He's killing them slowly, actions are going to end up with them dead.

• Scrooge → "odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling"

• Scrooge is the antithesis of Fezziwig.

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When Dickens was 12, father sent to debtors prison, had to work long hours, for young child loose innocence + separated from family.

Dickens believed having a loving family helped him escape poverty.

Dickens creates positive image of the Cratchits, teaches Scrooge that he is "poor" because he avoids family life.