

A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley (Act I)

3a.) What scenes from his past does Scrooge visit?

- **Young boy, lonely in a classroom.**
- **Older boy whose younger sister has come for him at a boarding school.**
- **Young man celebrating Christmas Eve with his employer**
- **Older man whose fiancée is leaving him.**

3b.) How does each event contribute to his current attitude and personality?

Each event contributes to his current attitude and personality by Scrooge's by the following:

- **isolation and mistreatment at school leads to his contempt for others**
- **being sent away to a boarding school leads to bitterness**
- **loss of his fiancée leads to distrust of love**

4a.) What does Scrooge value in life?

- **Scrooge values money above all else**
- **Withholds coal that would keep the office warm**
- **Loses the woman he loves because she feels she comes second to his love of money.**
- **Pays Cratchit a meager salary even though he can afford more.**

4b.) Do his values make Scrooge a happy man? Explain.

Scrooge's values have made him an extremely unhappy man. He has forsaken humanity for greed, as shown by his interactions with others.

6a.) What hints in the text suggest to you that Scrooge may change for the better?

Scrooge is moved by scenes from his past and says he would like to make amends to people in the present.

6b.) In the future, how might Scrooge's interactions with others differ from his interactions in the present? *** This is your own opinion ***

In the present, Scrooge treats people harshly, but in the future, he might make an effort to build friendly relationships with others

6c.) Do you think you will see examples of Scrooge's changed behavior in the second act of the play? Why or why not? *** This is your own opinion ***

Yes, it seems that Scrooge is becoming a changed person and will act differently as the play progresses.

7a.) What effects have Scrooge's past experiences had on the person he has become?

His past experiences have shape and hardened him into the grumpy miser he is today.

7b.) Based on Scrooge's past experiences, do you think he should be excused for his current attitudes and behavior? Explain.

Some might say no one should be excused for behaving as Scrooge does. Others might express sympathy for him.

8.) What do you think would have happened to Scrooge is he had not been visited by Marley's Ghost and the Ghost of Christmas Past? Support your ideas with details from the text. *** This is your own opinion ***

Scrooge would likely have continued to be a bitter, old miser who refused to celebrate Christmas.

9.) How do the people in Scrooge's past reveal his own behavior to him?

The people in Scrooge's past show how his behavior has made them feel. He responds with strong emotions to how he sees his past self behaving and doesn't seem to like what he sees.