

Providence Extension Program
Core A Composition & Literature
A Christmas Carol - Worksheet 1 – Staves 1 & 2

Name _____

Look up the following vocabulary words and record the definition for each as it relates to the book.

Stave I

Remorse – pg.48

Enshrouded – pg.52

Stave II

Opaque – pg.53

Recumbent – pg.54

Reclamation – pg.56

Vestige – pg.56

Capacious – pg.61

Avarice – pg.65

Sordid – pg.65

Dowerless – pg.66

Short Answers - Write a brief answer to each question as you read the novel. All answers must be in complete sentences!

1. As we are introduced to the character of Ebenezer Scrooge, make note of how Dickens uses the following tools to help the reader understand the protagonist of the story: Ebenezer Scrooge.

- His appearance:

- His thoughts, actions, and speech:

- How other people react to and what other people say about him:

- His setting, his typical surroundings, and the weather:

2. Explain why Marley and the other spirits must wander the earth, and what they're trying but unable to do as they wander.

3. What do Jacob Marley's chains symbolize?

4. What kinds of regrets and wishes does Scrooge begin to have as he sees Christmases from the past?

5. In the story, we learn that Scrooge had been engaged to the young woman he was talking to. Why does she break off the engagement?