**A Christmas Carol**

**Stave 2 – “The First of the Three Spirits”**

1. Who is the first of the three Christmas Spirits who visits Scrooge?

2. Who is the solitary boy left at the school?

3. Who are the young boy’s only friends?

4. The only member of Scrooge’s family Scrooge gets along with is whom?

5. Referring to the above question, what happened to that person?

6. How do Fezziwig and the present-day Scrooge compare as employers?

7. According to the young woman who talks with Scrooge in the next scene, what is the reason she no longer wants to marry him?

8. Referring to the above question, what does this have to do with Scrooge’s earlier words to his nephew?

9. What does Dickens mean when he says that every child in the last house Scrooge and the Spirit visit was “conducting itself like forty”?

10. How long ago in Scrooge’s past is this scene set?

11. What is the relationship between all but one of the places Scrooge and the Spirit visit?

12. Referring to the #11, what is the one exception to the general rule of what the Spirit shows Scrooge, and why is it an exception?

13. Referring to the #12, why does the Spirit show Scrooge this one exception?

14. Scrooge faces a very important internal conflict from his past in this stave. What is it? Support your idea. How can it be an internal conflict if it involves other people?

15. When Scrooge sees Belle’s family, he is more disturbed and upset than at any of the rest of what he has seen in this stave. Why does he find this happy family to be so upsetting?

16. What does the light coming from the head of the Ghost of Christmas Past symbolize?

17. Why does Scrooge want to cover the light?

18. The ghosts that visit Scrooge are regularly going to use Scrooge’s own words against him. Is this an example of foreshadowing(Letting the reader know something before it happens)? Why or why not?

19. Why is Ebenezer Scrooge such a miserable person? Support your idea with examples from the story.