Stave 3: The Second of Three Spirits Review
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Symbolism:

- The Ghost of Christmas Present symbolizes generosity

Evidence:

- Cornucopia-like torch
- Abundance of food on which it rests
- A sprinkling of season from torch enhances flavor of meals & relationships at Christmas
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Symbolism:

- The Ghost of Christmas Present symbolizes generosity of material goods but also & especially of the spirit.
- Evidence:
  - It protects “children” Ignorance & Want.
  - Warns Scrooge (& readers) they must do so as well
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Symbolism:

• **Cornucopia:** horn of plenty

• **Symbolizes abundance, power, excess, & consequently the responsibility that comes with such good fortune**

Despite all of the abundance, the spirit still carries the burden of the poor & those in need. Dickens uses two children to represent the burdens of Want & Ignorance that must be carried by all mankind.
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Symbolism:

• **Ignorance & Want**
  
  – **Want**: poverty & need in the word: a need, a desire, a hunger.
  
  – **Ignorance**: lack of knowledge or understanding; the not knowing & not caring about information

Ignorance is the root of many social ills: It’s what keeps people in bondage, in fear in deprivation. Man made them and is guilty of willful ignorance (not knowing or caring about knowing society’s problems.)
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• **Ignorance & Want**
  
  – Is also an example of personification
  
  – Personification: giving life or human attributes (like feelings) to inanimate (nonhuman) objects.
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**Figurative Language Review**

- **Personification**
  - Personification: giving life or human attributes (like feelings) to inanimate (nonhuman) objects.

Find an example of personification on page 298.

“steeple called them”
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Figurative Language Review

• **Hyperbole**
  – **Exaggeration**
  – A figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect, as in I could sleep for a year or This book weighs a ton.

  Find an example of a hyperbole on p. 297.

  “…nothing between a baby & a rhinoceros would have astonished him very much.”
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Figurative Language Review

• Simile

• Find the simile on p.298 (last paragraph)
  – “As good as gold”
    • But that’s not all, what is being compared?
    • In the paragraph above – “How did little Tim behave?”

Entire simile: “…little Tim behaved…as good as gold.”

What does the simile mean?
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**FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE REVIEW**

**Metaphor**

- *Find the metaphor on p. 300 paragraph 7.*
  - “Scrooge was the ogre of the family.”
    - *But that’s not all, what is being compared?*
    - *Scrooge to an ogre.*
Affixes Review

• P. 299, next to the last paragraph, find the word with the suffix –less.
• Worthless
• What does suffix –less mean? without
• What does the word worthless mean?

Without worth
AFFIXES REVIEW

- P. 301, 4th paragraph. Scan for the word ungrateful.
- What is the root word? grat
- What is the prefix? un- Means? not
- What is the suffix? -ful Means? full of
- What does the word ungrateful mean?

not full of grat? (grat means thanks) not full of thanks
AFFIXES REVIEW

• P. 301, 7th paragraph. Scrooge would have “thanked them in an inaudible speech.

• Root word? aud means? hear

• prefix? In- means? not

• suffix? -ble means? able

• Define inaudible.

    not able to hear
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Comprehension:

• How is Scrooge’s attitude toward his being escorted by a ghost change in this stave?

• Give text evidence to support your answer.

• P. 297, 7th paragraph: “Spirit...conduct me where you will. I went forth last night on compulsion, & I learned a lesson which is working now. Tonight...teach me, let me profit from it.”

• Scrooge went with the 1st spirit because he was forced to go but he learned a lesson, was less stubborn, and was willing to continue learning.
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Comprehension:

• How is Scrooge affected by seeing the Cratchit family?

• On p. 299 6th paragraph, Scrooge is beginning to be interested in & show concern for others. He is remorseful & ashamed of his previous words & actions.

• Evidence: When Scrooge sees the Cratchit family he asks the spirit “…with an interest he had never felt before, “tell me if Tiny Tim will live.” When the ghost restated Scrooge’s earlier words about decreasing the surplus population he “…hung his head…and was overcome with penitence and grief.”
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Comprehension:

• What lesson did Scrooge learn from this Spirit?

• Generosity

• Caring about others

• Helping other
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Theme:

- Generosity is at the heart of not only of Christmas but also of a truly human life.