A Christmas Carol

WebQuest Description: Things are much different almost 200 years after the story A Christmas Carol was written. Did Ebenezer Scrooge understand what was going on at the time and how it affected not just him, but those around him? If Scrooge showed up in our current times, would he be able to understand how we do things now? What if he was sent over 250 years into his future?

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Introduction

Will Ebenezer Scrooge be able to handle the past, present, and future? It is your job to make these things understandable for him!

Tasks

With the help of the three ghosts he encounters in the story, Ebenezer Scrooge sees what was, what is, and what might be. We are going to look into the pasts, presents, and futures of several topics. You will choose three of the following and create one of three formats: a PowerPoint (.ppt), a poster, or a written document in the form of a mini-book* for the following topics: Fashion, Government and Law, Food, Living Conditions, Housing, Education, Geography, Illnesses, Child Labor, Games.

Past: what was going on as it pertains to your topic in London, England during Scrooge's time
Present: what is going on as it pertains to your topic in London during your time
Future: what is going to happen as it pertains to your topic in the year 2200*

Whichever format you choose, you must do the entire assignment in that format.

Process

Click the tab for Topic Links on the side of this webpage to gather past and present information and to get ideas for the future about London, England, so that you may be able to explain it to Scrooge. You are explaining his time (the past) to him because clearly he wasn't paying attention to anyone but himself for a really long time. You are explaining our time (the present) to him but we're going to stay in London so we don't really freak him out. You are explaining the future to him they way you think it's going to be in the year 2200. Be creative but sensible. You have to explain how things are going to work, so don't go supercrazy! Your information, however you choose to publish it (.ppt, poster, mini-book), needs to be addressed to Ebenezer Scrooge and you must do the following: include at least three pictures for past/present/future (total of nine for each topic) and include at least one paragraph (at least five sentences) for past/present/future (total of three for each topic) include the website/source for all information. How you organize your publication is totally up to you, but you do need to make sure it is one of the three formats (.ppt/poster/mini-book).

Evaluation

You are required to have the following for each of your topics: three pictures with labels and descriptions for past/present/future (9 total) one paragraph (at least five sentences) with topic sentence, relevant details, and concluding sentence for past/present/future (3 total) website/source for all information documented. When you are finished with this assignment, you will have a PowerPoint, a poster, or a written document in the form of a mini book with 27 pictures and nine paragraphs addressed to Scrooge so that he can see the past, present, and future of London. Each of your topics will be individually graded based on the criteria at the bottom of this page. Use the criteria as a checklist to make sure you are doing everything you need to do.

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**Conclusion**

Do you think Scrooge understood the information given to him? Do you understand more about Scrooge's past, present, and future? Don't forget to fill out the Webquest evaluation! Merry Christmas!

**Teacher Page**

Welcome to the past, present, and future of Ebenezer Scrooge! This webquest is used in a 7th grade literature classroom in conjunction with the play A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

**Standards**

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.1 Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

**Credits**

**Other**