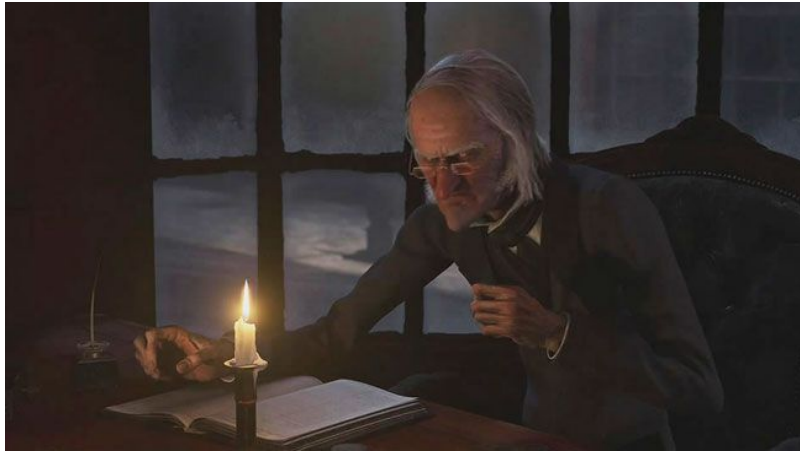


A Christmas Carol: *Before Reading*



***A Christmas Carol (1843)* is about a man called Ebenezer Scrooge. Which of these sentences do you think is true about the story?**

- 1) It happens in London in the 1840s.
- 2) The writer of the story is Charles Dickens.
- 3) It's about a nice old gentleman.
- 4) The weather is cold.
- 5) Scrooge is really Father Christmas.

Look at the picture above. Choose three words to describe Scrooge

cold, mean, happy, young, kind, soft, hard

True or false?

1. Scrooge is a young man.
 2. He writes by candle light.
 3. He looks happy.
 4. He has a modern office.
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1. Read the beginning of the story.

Old Marley was dead. There was no doubt about that.

Did Scrooge know he was dead? Of course he did. Scrooge and he were partners for many years. Scrooge was Marley's only friend.

True or False

1. Marley is the dead business partner of Scrooge.
2. Scrooge does not know about the death of Marley.
3. Scrooge has many friends.

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