

Name:

Teacher Sheet 3.3

A. Scrooge has little or no imagination and therefore little empathy for others.

This is an appropriate character description of Scrooge at the beginning of the novella, but it is not a well-developed interpretation given that it does not consider Dickens' literary purpose.

D. Dickens uses Scrooge to represent the wealthier members of society who continued to make money at the expense of the poor.

This is a stronger and more effective interpretation. It considers the intention behind the character and demonstrates higher level thinking.

B. Dickens uses Scrooge to show that some people prefer darkness and solitude to light and cheerful company.

While this description is again true of Scrooge at the opening of the novella, it is not Dickens' intention to merely demonstrate that 'some people' can be miserable.

C. Dickens uses Scrooge to demonstrate how humans have the ability to change and evolve for the better.

This statement is not relevant to the original passage and would need references to a latter part of the text to be relevant. It is also a more simplistic statement than (B) as it is less specific.