

A Christmas Carol Stave 2 : The First of the Three Spirits

1. When Scrooge heard the clock strike 12, what time of day did he think it was? **Noon**
2. What is the first spirit the ghost of? **Christmas Past**
3. What was really on Scrooge's cheek in the passage above that he called a pimple? **A tear**
4. Why did Scrooge begin to weep when the Ghost said that the "school is not quite deserted" (36)? **He was left all alone over Christmas while all of the other boys got to go home to their families**
5. What/who kept Scrooge company during Christmas breaks? **The characters in his books**
6. What do you think Scrooge wanted to give to the boy singing carols? **Money**
7. Why did the ghost smile at this suggestion? **Scrooge was already changing**
8. What can we infer about the character of Scrooge's father based on Fan's words? **That he's a harsh, mean man, and that he didn't want Scrooge around**
9. What happened to Fan? **She died at a young age**
10. What is Fezziwig's relationship to Scrooge? **He's Scrooge's boss**
11. Contrast Fezziwig's workhouse with Scrooge's office. **Scrooge's office was cold and dark, and nobody was merry. He did not celebrate Christmas in any way. Fezziwig heaped extra coal on the fire to make it nice and warm in the entire room so that everyone was comfortable, it was bright and cheerful, and he had a nice Christmas party.**
12. Scrooge says of Fezziwig, "he has the power to render us happy or unhappy" (46). Contrast the way Scrooge treats his employees with the way that Fezziwig treated his. Give specific examples for each. **Scrooge is cold and mean, not giving him even one more piece of coal for the fire while Fezziwig threw a huge party for Christmas and was caring towards his employees.**
13. What is the "idol" that Scrooge's sweetheart has been replaced by? **Greed and money**
14. What was the final scene that Scrooge was shown? **The new life of his sweetheart; the life he missed out on because he let her go**
15. How did Scrooge feel about what he saw? **It made him upset that this is what he missed out on; he tried for a moment to picture the life that could have been his**