

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?
2. What is the first spirit the ghost of?

“Your lip is trembling,” said the Ghost. “And what is that upon your cheek?”

Scrooge muttered with an unusual catching in his voice, that it was a pimple, and begged the Ghost to lead him where he would.

3. What was really on Scrooge’s cheek in the passage above that he called a pimple?
4. Why did Scrooge begin to weep when the Ghost said that the “school is not quite deserted” (36)?
5. What/who kept Scrooge company during Christmas breaks?
6. What do you think Scrooge wanted to give to the boy singing carols?
7. Why did the ghost smile at this suggestion?
8. What can we infer about the character of Scrooge’s father based on Fan’s words?
9. What happened to Fan?
10. What is Fezziwig’s relationship to Scrooge?

11. Contrast Fezziwig's workhouse with Scrooge's office.

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.

13. What is the "idol" that Scrooge's sweetheart has been replaced by?

14. What was the final scene that Scrooge was shown?

15. How did Scrooge feel about what he saw (don't just give a one word explanation, but explain.)?