

# A Christmas Carol Stave 3: The Second Ghost

1. What is the second ghost the ghost of?
2. Describe the ghost (3 things).
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
3. Describe the 3<sup>rd</sup> ghost's character in one word.
4. On such a cold and gloomy looking day, why was everyone in the town so cheerful?
5. What did the ghost use his torch for?
6. Who did he use his torch on the most?

...these young Cratchit's danced about the table, and exalted Master Peter Cratchit to the skies, while he...blew fire, until the slow potatoes, bubbling up, knocked loudly at the saucepan lid to be let out and peeled.

7. What is the literary device that is used in this passage?
  - a. allusion
  - b. hyperbole
  - c. metaphor
  - d. personification
8. Why does Dickens's describe the goose as being a rare bird in the Cratchit's house?

In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered—flushed, but smiling proudly—with the pudding, like a speckled cannonball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half of half a quarter of ignited brandy...

9. What literary device is used in this passage?
  - a. allusion
  - b. metaphor
  - c. personification
  - d. simile

10. Why did none of the Cratchit's talk about how small the pudding was for such a large family?
11. When the spirit says, "I see a vacant seat" (70), what is he foreshadowing?
12. When the spirit says to Scrooge, "If he be like to die, he had better do it, and decrease the population" (71), it is an example of a(n):
- a. epiphany
  - b. euphemism
  - c. parallel event
  - d. idiom
13. What surplus is the spirit referring to when he says to Scrooge, "...forbear that wicked can't until you have discovered what the surplus is, and where it is" (71).
14. Why did the spirit take Scrooge to see the coal miner's house and out to see the men at sea?
15. Why does Fred think that Scrooge's money is useless to him?

**Bonus (25 points each)**

What do the boy and girl at the end of the stave symbolize, **AND** what can erase the DOOM on the boy's brow?

How long is the life of the Ghost of Christmas Present? (Give me text evidence).