

A

1. **C19th Text:** 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

Stave 1

Nobody ever stopped him in the street to say, with  
gladsome looks, 'My dear Scrooge, how are you?'

Starting with the extract, how does Dickens present Scrooge as solitary?

Write about:

- How Dickens presents Scrooge in the extract
- How Dickens presents Scrooge as solitary in the novel as a whole.

3. **Shakespeare:** 'The Tragedy of Macbeth' by William Shakespeare

Act 4

**SECOND WITCH:** By the pricking of my thumbs,  
Something wicked this way comes.  
*(Enter MACBETH)*

Starting with the extract, how does Shakespeare present Macbeth as bad?

Write about:

- How Shakespeare presents Macbeth in the extract
- How Shakespeare presents Macbeth in the play as a whole.

2. **Modern Text:** 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley

Eric says of Sheila, 'She's got a nasty temper  
sometimes, but she's not bad really. Good old Sheila.'

Explore how far you agree with this view of Sheila.

Write about:

- How Priestley presents the character of Sheila
- How Priestley uses the character of Sheila to explore some of his ideas about society

4. **Unseen Poetry:** Various

Teacher

When you teach me,  
your hands bless the air  
where chalk dust sparkles.

CAROL ANN DUFFY

How does the poet present ideas about what a teacher does?

Practice your planning, your composition OR both!



**B**

**1. C19th Text:** 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

**Stave 2**

When he thought that such another creature ... might have called him father, and been a spring-time in the haggard winter of his life, his sight grew very dim indeed.

Starting with the extract, how does Dickens present the importance of family?

Write about:

- How Dickens presents family in the extract
- How Dickens presents family as important in the novel as a whole.

**3. Shakespeare:** 'The Tragedy of Macbeth' by William Shakespeare

**Act 5**

*MACDUFF has just revealed how he was born to Macbeth*

**MACBETH:** Accursed be that tongue that tells me so,  
For it hath cow'd my better part of man!

Starting with the extract, how does Shakespeare present the power of words?

Write about:

- How Shakespeare presents words as powerful in the extract
- How Shakespeare presents words as powerful in the play as a whole.

**2. Modern Text:** 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley

The Inspector says, 'We don't alone. We are members of one body.'

What do you think is the importance of the Inspector in 'An Inspector Calls'?

Write about:

- How different characters respond to the Inspector
- How Priestley uses the Inspector to explore ideas about society and people in 'An Inspector Calls'.

**4. Unseen Poetry:** Various

**Love After Love**

The time will come  
when, with elation  
you will greet yourself arriving  
at your own door, in your own mirror  
and each will smile at the other's welcome,

DEREK WALCOTT

How does the poet present ideas about living a happy and contented life?

**Practice your planning, your composition OR both!**



**C**

**1. C19th Text: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens**

**Stave 3**

From the foldings of its robe, it brought two children; wretched, abject, frightful, hideous, miserable. They knelt down at its feet, and clung upon the outside of its garment.

Starting with the extract, how does Dickens present the suffering of the poor?

Write about:

- How Dickens presents suffering in the extract
- How Dickens presents the suffering of the poor in the novel as a whole.

**3. Shakespeare: 'The Tragedy of Macbeth' by William Shakespeare**

**Act 2**

**LADY MACBETH:** My hands are of your colour; but I shame to wear a heart so white.

Starting with the extract, how does Shakespeare present how Lady Macbeth uses her power?

Write about:

- How Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth in the extract
- How Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth's use of power in the play as a whole.

**2. Modern Text: 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley**

Mr Birling says, 'We hard-headed practical business men must say something sometime. And we don't guess – we have experience – and we know.'

How does Priestley use Mr Birling to show the class divide?

Write about:

- How Priestley presents the character of Mr Birling
- How Priestley uses the character of Mr Birling to show the class divide.

**4. Unseen Poetry: Various**

**Things**

What happened is, we grew lonely  
living among the things,  
so we gave the clock a face,  
the chair a back,  
the table four stout legs  
which will never suffer fatigue.

LISEL MUELLER

How does the poet present ideas about the objects that people surround ourselves with?



**Practice your planning, your composition OR both!**

**D**

**1. C19th Text: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens**

**Stave 4**

'If he wanted to keep 'em after he was dead, a wicked old screw,' pursued the woman, 'why wasn't he natural in his lifetime? If he had been, he'd have had somebody to look after him.'

Starting with the extract, how does Dickens present the importance of living alongside your fellow man.

Write about:

- How Dickens presents ideas about how you should live in the extract
- How Dickens presents ideas about how you should live in the novel as a whole.

**3. Shakespeare: 'The Tragedy of Macbeth' by William Shakespeare**

**Act 1**

**FIRST WITCH:** Lesser than Macbeth, and greater.

Starting with the extract, how does Shakespeare present Banquo as a good man?

Write about:

- How Shakespeare presents Banquo in the extract
- How Shakespeare presents Banquo in the play as a whole.

**2. Modern Text: 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley**

Sheila says, 'You were the wonderful fairy prince. You must have adored it, Gerald.'

Explore how far you agree with this view of Gerald.

Write about:

- How Priestley presents the character of Gerald
- How Priestley uses the character of Gerald to explore some of his ideas about society

**4. Unseen Poetry: Various**

**And Still I Rise**

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

MAYA ANGELOU

How does the poet present ideas about overcoming problems?

**Practice your planning, your composition OR both!**

