

First Draft (Cause & Effect)

Writing Prompt:

How does Scrooge's character transform over the course of the play?

Introduction: introduce the topic (name of the play and character) – the purpose of your writing (cause and effect)

Thesis statement (Scrooge- transform/ change- three ghosts/ spirits- better)

Body: 3 paragraphs:

- Each paragraph talks about ONE of the ghosts and includes cause + effect
- Support your ideas with QUOTATIONS- DETAILS- EXPLANATION
- Use transition words (pg. 306)

Causes:

Past ghost: event as a lonely crying boy- meeting his sister at boarding school- Fezziwig's party- break up with fiancé

Present ghost: Cratchit's family- Fred's family

Future ghost: 3 businessmen in his funeral- thieves stealing from him- Tiny Tim's death- Scrooge's gravestone

Effects:

1. Said Merry Christmas
2. Gave Adam more money
3. Sends a turkey to Cratchit's family
4. Donates money to the portly man
5. Visited his nephew
6. Raised Cratchit's salary

Conclusion: Restate your thesis statement + summarize your ideas

Body 1:

To begin with....
In the beginning...
First/ Firstly,

Body 2:

In addition/ Additionally/ To add more

Furthermore

Moreover

Conclusion

In conclusion/ To conclude

Finally

Cause and Effect graphic organizer

1st paragraph – Introduction

“A Christmas carol” is a novel written by Charles Dickens later made into lots of different plays and movies. It talks about an old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey of trying to become a better person. The reason why Scrooge changed is because of 4 ghosts; Jacob Marley (a former business partner to Scrooge), and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Altogether, they were able to show Scrooge what would become of him if he didn’t change for the better.

If it wasn't for the kindness of Jacob Marley, Scrooge would've ended up just like him, tied up with chains attached to heavy money boxes.

2nd Paragraph- body

Let's begin with the ghost of Christmas past. "I am the ghost of Christmas past," said the spirit. "Long past?" asked Scrooge. "Your past". From this quotation, we can see that the spirit was here to show/remind Scrooge of his past, and some reasons why he might dislike Christmas this much. Marley knew what he was doing, for one of the stages of forgiveness is accepting that you can not change the past.

Showing Scrooge his past, so he can accept that the past is unchangeable, but he can learn from it. "Your reclamation, then. Take heed!" Here the word reclamation means the process of claiming something back. The ghost was telling Scrooge to start claiming his innocence from his childhood back.

3rd Paragraph-body

Secondly, the ghost of Christmas present. This ghost spreads kindness from its torch. "Do you sprinkle your kindness on any particular people or to all people?" said Scrooge. "To any person kindly given. And to the very poor most of all." Said the spirit. Then the spirit proceeded to show Scrooge how his current employees are living, although they are poor, they are still happy and thankful.

“I’ll give you Mr. Scrooge, the Founder of the Feast!” Said Bob. Although Scrooge was a horrible employer, Bob (his employee) still thanked Scrooge. This helped Scrooge come to the realization that money isn’t everything, and you don’t need money to be happy.

4th paragraph- body

Last but not least, the Ghost of Christmas Future or the phantom. In the future, Scrooge sees that Bob’s son, Tiny Tim, is dead. He feels pity for Bob and his family and all his other employees. He started being nicer to them. He raised their salaries.

The cause is Scrooge finally seeing that Christmas isn’t so bad after all. “ Merry Christmas everybody! A happy new year to the world!” Said, Scrooge. The effect is Scrooge understanding and realizing that he needs to be less stingy and raise his employees’ salaries. “I am ... about... to... raise... your Salary” Said, Scrooge. The way this line was written shows that Scrooge has finally come to terms with Christmas, and raising his employees’ Salaries.

5th paragraph- Conclusion

In conclusion, If it wasn’t for the kindness of Jacob Marley, Scrooge would’ve ended up just like him, tied up with chains attached to heavy money boxes.

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Although Scrooge was a horrible employer, Bob (his employee) still thanked Scrooge. This helped Scrooge come to the realization that money isn't everything, and you don't need money to be happy.

The cause is Scrooge finally seeing that Christmas isn't so bad after all. The effect is Scrooge understanding and realizing that he needs to be less stingy and raise his employees' salaries. The way this line was written shows that Scrooge has finally come to terms with Christmas, and raising his employees' Salaries.

Start your first draft here:

“A Christmas Carol” is a novel written by Charles Dickens later made into lots of different plays and movies. It talks about an old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey of trying to become a better person. The reason why Scrooge changed is because of 4 ghosts; Jacob Marley (a former business partner to Scrooge), and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Altogether, they were able to show Scrooge what would become of him if he didn't change for the better. If it wasn't for the kindness of Jacob Marley, Scrooge would've ended up just like him, tied up with chains attached to heavy money boxes.

Let's begin with the ghost of Christmas past. “I am the ghost of Christmas past,” said the spirit. “Long past?” asked Scrooge. “Your past?”. From this quotation, we can see that the spirit was here to show/remind Scrooge of his past, and some reasons why he might dislike Christmas this much. Marley knew what he was doing, for one of the stages of forgiveness is accepting that you cannot change the past. Marley showed him his past so he can accept that it is unchangeable, but he can still learn from it. “Your reclamation, then. Take heed! ” Here the word reclamation means the process of claiming something back. The ghost was telling Scrooge to start claiming his innocence from his childhood back, and his former love for Christmas.

Secondly, the ghost of Christmas present. This ghost spreads kindness from its torch. “Do you sprinkle your kindness on any particular people or to all people?” said Scrooge. “To any person kindly given. And to the very poor most of all.” Said the spirit. Then the spirit proceeded to show Scrooge how his current employees are living, although they are poor, they are still happy and thankful. “I’ll give you Mr. Scrooge, the Founder of the Feast!” Said, Bob. Although Scrooge was a horrible employer, Bob (his employee that did not get much pay) still thanked Scrooge. This helped Scrooge realize that money isn’t everything, and you don’t need money to be happy.

Last but not least, the Ghost of Christmas Future or the phantom. In the future, Scrooge sees that Bob’s son, Tiny Tim, is dead. He feels pity for Bob and his family and all his other employees. He took pity on them and raised their salaries, and sent the Cratchit family a turkey. This causes Scrooge to finally see that Christmas isn’t so bad after all. “Merry Christmas everybody! A happy new year to the world!” Said, Scrooge. The effect is Scrooge understanding and realizing that he needs to be less stingy and raise his employees’ salaries. “I am... about... to... raise... your salary” Said, Scrooge. The way this line was written shows that Scrooge has finally come to terms with Christmas, and raising his employees’ salaries. He also donated money to the portly man. He even visited his nephew whom he had not gone to visit in a very long time.

In conclusion, If it wasn’t for the kindness of Jacob Marley, Scrooge would’ve ended up just like him, tied up with chains attached to heavy money boxes. Kindness is something we should always embrace, no matter to whom it may be, we should always treat people with kindness. The first cause and effect is the ghost of Christmas past showing Scrooge his past, so he can accept that the past is unchangeable, but he can learn from it. The ghost was telling Scrooge to start claiming his innocence from his childhood back. The second is although Scrooge was a horrible employer, Bob (his employee) still thanked Scrooge. This helped Scrooge realize that money isn’t everything, and you don’t need money to be happy. Lastly, Scrooge finally sees that Christmas isn’t so bad after all. The effect is Scrooge understanding and realizing that he needs to be less stingy and raise his employees’ salaries. The way this line was written shows that Scrooge has finally come to terms with Christmas, and raising his employees’ salaries.