A Christmas Carol
Character Thinking Tool

The questions in this activity are about the character of

Ebenezer Scrooge

1. In Scene 1, the ghost of Jacob Marley introduces Scrooge by saying, “This is Ebenezer Scrooge. His cheeks are as withered as his soul.”
A. What does Marley mean?

B. What details in Scene 1 support the idea that Scrooge’s soul is withered?

2. A. What does the description of Scrooge’s bedroom at the beginning of Scene 2 reveal about him as a person?

B. If someone were to write a story about you, what would your bedroom reveal about you?
3. In Scene 3, the Ghost of Christmas Past says, “You chose wealth over love.”
   A. How might placing money above all else affect a person’s life?
   B. If everyone placed money above all else, what would society be like?

4. Name one thing Scrooge learns from each ghost who visits him.
   Ghost of Christmas Past:
   Ghost of Christmas Present:
   Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come:

5. How is Scrooge different in Scenes 6 and 7 from how he was in Scene 1?

6. Educator John Dewey once said, “We do not learn from experience. We learn from reflecting on experience.” What did he mean? How does this idea apply to Scrooge?