

A CHRISTMAS CAROL PROJECT Due Date:

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens (Summer Reading for Seniors)

Directions: Choose ONE of the following projects.

*Pick a project that you will **have fun doing** and will **show your best work**.*

*Be sure to read each project description **CAREFULLY** and include **all** parts in your final project.*

1. **SKETCH & WRITE:** Carefully review Dickens' descriptions of Marley and the three ghosts. *Sketch colorful portraits of each (4 total) on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.* Label your sketches and write 1 paragraph (**4 total**) explaining the purpose of each ghost and how it affected Scrooge using **DETAILS**. Indicate which spirit seemed to affect Scrooge the most and why. **Your final project should include 4 sketches with 4 different paragraphs explaining the effect of each ghost on Scrooge.**

2. **NEWSPAPER:** Pretend you are a reporter from a London newspaper and interview Scrooge. In your news article answer the following questions. Layout your final project to look like a page in a newspaper (include titles, headings, pictures, etc.).
 - *Mr. Scrooge, you were once known as “a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!” How would you describe yourself now? What would you say caused this change?*
 - *What was most important to you in the past? What is important to you now?*
 - *What is your deepest regret about the past? Why is that such a cause of regret?*
 - *Since you have changed, which deed are you proudest of and why?*
 - *How has becoming a philanthropist affected the way you feel about others? How has it changed you?*
 - *What advice would you give others, based on your own experience?*
 - *How would you like to be remembered? In fact, how would you like your epitaph to read?*

3. **POSTER INTERVIEW:** Scrooge buys a huge turkey for the Cratchits' Christmas dinner. Explain what organizations in your community do to help bring cheer to others over the holidays. **Interview members of at least three community organizations** to find out what they do. (Have your questions approved ahead of time. Contact me at jrock@ccc-hs.org). You may telephone the organization or go there in person. **Make a poster** that includes **their names, phone numbers and an explanation of the opportunities for service**. Don't forget to notice what your own school is doing. **Your final project should include the visually appealing poster and a neat copy of the questions and answers from the interviews. You must also write one paragraph on why it is important for these organizations to serve their communities.** If possible, actually get involved by serving.

4. **SCRAPBOOK:** Collect at least ten newspaper/magazine/online articles that give opportunities to do **philanthropy**. Neatly organize them into a **scrapbook** or three-pronged folder. **Write a paragraph on each article specifically explaining how they**

relate to philanthropy. Final project should include scrapbook complete with 10 articles and 10 paragraphs on how they relate to philanthropy.

5. VOLUNTEER ESSAY: *Participate in a community-related philanthropy project. Write a one- and-a-half to two-page essay about your experience and include answers to the following below. FINAL PAPER should be TYPED in 12-point font.*

- *Who did you help?*
- *What did you do?*
- *Where did you go?*
- *When did you do the philanthropic activity?*
- *Why was it important for you to help out in this way?* ○ *How did you benefit from this experience?*

- *How did others benefit?*
- *How did you make a difference?*
- *How will this make a lasting impact?*