

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

How does Belle prove Scrooge has changed without listing what he has done?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Belle names the rival
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Stave Two
START	It matters little
END	May you be happy in the life you have chosen!
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THE MOVE

Infer change from dialogue and value language

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Belle never needs a catalogue of Scrooge’s bad behavior. She proves the change by comparing what he once valued with what now commands him. The scene lets students infer character development from a shift in value language rather than from plot summary.

MARK

Underline Belle’s words for the person Scrooge used to be. Circle the words she uses for what now rules him. Draw an arrow between the two and label what has changed.

NOTICE

- What does Belle say Scrooge used to value in their relationship?

- What word or image makes money seem like a rival person rather than just a possession?
- Why is Belle able to prove change without naming a single cruel act?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Belle prove Scrooge has changed without listing what he has done? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Belle prove Scrooge has changed without listing what he has done? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Belle proves change by comparing Scrooge's old and new values. She does not need a list of cruel acts because his language and priorities show that money has displaced the relationship and become the 'master' he serves.
EVIDENCE	Use Belle's contrast between the earlier Scrooge and the person ruled by gain, including value words that make money seem like a rival or master.
WATCH FOR	Do not summarize the breakup. The lesson asks how dialogue reveals change indirectly through what Scrooge now values.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline Belle's words for the person Scrooge used to be. Circle the words she uses for what now rules him. Draw an arrow between the two and label what has changed.
2. NOTICE - What does Belle say Scrooge used to value in their relationship? What word or image makes money seem like a rival person rather than just a possession? Why is Belle able to prove change without naming a single cruel act?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: How does Belle prove Scrooge has changed without listing what he has done?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.