

My Paragraph

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Mr J
is happy
with your
work!

How is Scrooge presented at the start of the novella?

Dickens' use of pathetic fallacy when he ~~describes~~ writes "It was cold, bleak, biting weather - foggy whilst", sets the atmosphere as dark, mysterious, and uninviting; the word "bleak", makes the setting seem uninteresting, uninviting, and hopeless, and ~~foggy~~ the repetition of "fog" and "foggy" in the stave emphasises the air of mystery and the unknown, which the reader may infer as evil and supernatural, or as Scrooge's ignorance and unwillingness ~~to~~ see the good around him.

Why would this appeal to a Victorian reader?

Victorians were obsessed with gothic literature and the supernatural and a large aspect of both of these is the unknown and mystery.

The fog surrounding Scrooge may be a metaphor for his isolation, how he doesn't see the joy, or the sadness and poverty, around him. The fog may also have been used to centre the attention to Scrooge, obscuring everything other than him so ~~the reader~~ is forced to focus only on him.

NP Dickens uses juxtaposition to ~~not show~~ present the differences and contrasts between Scrooge and his nephew, Fred, but also to reinforce ~~emphasise~~ how cold, miserable, and ~~unkaring~~ Scrooge is, as the ~~next~~ contrast between "eyes red", which evokes imagery of ~~evil~~ monsters, and demons, and "his eyes sparkled", which the reader may infer as innocent, cheerful, young, and cherubic, ~~any~~ emphasises not only how good, sweet, and kind Fred is, but also how ~~the~~ evil, miserable, and demonic Scrooge is. Dickens also uses "spoke out shrewdly in his grating voice", and

I got a double tick because I explained how the author's writing techniques affect the reader

No spellings to correct - well done!

"cheerful voice" to further juxtapose the characters. Now link to what they say.

WWW: Quite simply a pleasure to read. You must take lit at A-level!

EBI: I would like to see a link from your discussion of pathetic fallacy to your paragraph on juxtaposition. See me so that we can discuss how to do so.

* The idea of focusing on Scrooge and emphasising how miserable and self-centered he is used when Dickens uses juxtaposition to show the contrast between Scrooge and his nephew Fred, which emphasises and exaggerates Scrooge's misery, unhappiness and coldness.