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A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley (play by Israel Horovitz)

Act One – Scene One, Pages _____

Setting: *What do we know of the play's setting?*

1. The play begins in the year of _____ and takes place in various places in and around the city of _____. The entire action of the play in a matter of ____ days, beginning Christmas _____ and finishing the day after _____.

Mood: *What is the general feel as the curtain opens on the stage?*

2. In the stage directions "Ghostly" is used, which would make the mood _____.
3. The use of a single _____ on Jacob Marley would also emphasize the scary mood.

First Character - Jacob Marley – *What do we learn about this character?*

Provide at least 3 facts about Jacob Marley provided in this opening scene.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. Jacob Marley, the only **one** speaking directly to the audience would be known as a _____ speech (dramatic term).
8. The statement, "I am dead as a doornail" is what figure of speech? _____

Second Character – Ebenezer Scrooge – *What do we learn about this character?*

Provide at least 3 facts about Ebenezer Scrooge

9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. What are Scrooge's first two lines spoken? "They _____
_____."

13. According to Marley, Scrooge never changed the _____ above the warehouse door because he was too cheap to change it.
14. According to Marley, "It is the very thing he likes! To edge his way along the crowded paths of life, warning all human _____ to keep its distance." (Page 3) *You might recall in the introduction to the play, it was stated that sympathy was a theme. Mark Marley's lines on your script.*

Mood: *As the scene closes, notice how the mood is emphasized again.*

15. What time of day is it when Act One, Scene 1 ends? _____
16. What is the weather like outside? _____

Motifs/Symbols: *Using your close-reading skills, try to discover motifs that appear in a text.*

17. How many times is **ghost** or **ghostly** used in Scene 1? _____
18. The word "cold" is used twice in Scene 1, in referencing the weather as cold. This word can also represent how we may describe a person's character. So cold has a double-meaning similar to that of a symbol; it takes on more than just one meaning. How might cold be used to symbolize Scrooge so far in this opening scene? _____

19. What significance is there to the fact that when we first meet Scrooge, on a Christmas Eve, he is still working at his office? _____

20. What might it tell us about Scrooge if on Christmas Eve he is counting his money? _____

