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Go to the following website to begin this web quest: <https://www.charlesdickenspage.com/index.html>.

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A. [The Charles Dickens Page](#)

- 1) When was he born? _____
- 2) Why was John Dickens, his father, imprisoned? _____
- 3) What happened to Dickens at age 12? _____
- 4) Dickens wrote _____ major novels.
- 5) When did Dickens die? _____
- 6) Where is he buried? _____

B. [Charles Dickens Fast Facts:](#)

- 7) Where was Dickens place of birth? _____
- 8) What was the title of his first published story? _____
- 9) When was his first published story published? _____
- 10) Who did Dickens marry? Catherine _____ When? _____
- 11) How many children did he have? _____
- 12) What was the cause of Charles Dickens' death? _____
- 13) How many Christmas books did Dickens publish? _____
- 14) When was *A Christmas Carol* published? _____
- 15) Where was Gads Hill Place? _____
- 16) According to "A Defining Episode in Charles Dickens' Life," at age 12 he was sent to a _____ - _____ factory to help support the family. "The experience seemed to put a stain on the clever, sensitive boy and colored everything he would later accomplish."

C. [Dickens' Biography:](#)

- 17) **Childhood and Education** - Charles Dickens was the son of John and _____ Dickens and they had a total of _____ children.

- 18) Dickens referred to the time he lived in _____ (up until about 1822) as the happiest of his childhood.
- 19) While working at a shoe polish factory, he was paid a weekly salary of _____ shillings for working 10-hour days. That would have been about \$41.00 a week today.
- 20) He received an education at _____ House Academy, which had a harsh schoolmaster, William _____.
- 21) **The Law and Early Journalism** - He was a law clerk in 1827 but grew bored with law after _____ years.
- 22) In 1834 he was hired as a _____ for the *Morning Chronicle*.
- 23) Dickens' pseudonym was _____. (Located before *The Early Novels*).
- 24) **The Early Novels** – *The Pickwick Papers* was published in _____ installments and became quite popular.
- 25) **The Middle Years** – Which book was considered one of Dickens' "finest novels"? _____
- 26) After the separation of his marriage to Catherine, who did Dickens become "enthralled with"? _____ an actress.
- 27) **The Later Years** – What was to be his last completed novel? _____
- 28) June of 1865 Dickens was involved in a _____ accident in which many were killed.
- 29) On the evening of June 8, 1870 died of a stroke working his last novel " _____ was exactly half finished and the mystery is _____ to this day."

D. Dickens' London:

- 30) Dickens would routinely walk the streets of London _____ or _____ miles at a time.
- 31) At the time, Victorian _____ was the largest city in the world.
- 32) In 1800 the population was said to be around a million but would swell to _____ million by 1900.
- 33) The city was one of filth and smell due to the raw _____ flowing in the streets from the many horse carriages and cattle.
- 34) What is a costermonger? _____
- 35) **The River Thames** – When was Westminster Bridge completed? _____
- 36) "Dickens' last completed novel, _____, is centered on Thames watermen who make their living searching the river for the bodies of the _____.

- 37) **Cholera** – Doctors were able to trace the cholera victims to the same _____
 pump which had a well contaminated with raw sewage coming from the homes of Cholera sufferers.
- 38) **The Law** – When was London’s first organized and centralized police force created? _____
- 39) **The Poor** – Enacted in 1834, what was the Victorian answer to dealing with the poor and indigent?
 _____.
- 40) This new law required the creation of regional _____ for the poor but they became
 more like _____.
- 41) **End of an Era** – Queen Victoria died in _____ .

E. [Mapping Dickens:](#)

Go to this web page and click on the link Charles Dickens London Map. Find Camden Town at the top of the map and click on Camden Town.

- 42) Which family from *A Christmas Carol* lived in this town? _____
- 43) Name this church which is found on the map of London at F-6. _____
 _____.

F. [Dickens & Christmas:](#)

- 44) By Dickens’ time the _____ Revolution allowed workers little time for the
 celebration of Christmas.
- 45) Old Christmas traditions were being kept alive by authors such as _____
 _____ who wrote *The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon* and was an influence and
 later a friend of Dickens.
- 46) A revival occurred with Queen Victoria early in the 19th century due to her husband _____,
 who was from _____. He introduced the traditions of the
 _____. Later the first Christmas _____ appeared in
 the 1840s.
- 47) What is a Smoking Bishop? _____
- 48) Christmas Plum Pudding was not made of plums, but had _____.
- 49) **Tiny Tim’s Ailment** – Dr. Donald Lewis, theorized that Tiny Tim’s ailment was due to a _____
 disease.
- 50) **A Christmas Carol** – Who paid the production cost of his book *A Christmas Carol*? _____
- 51) How much did Dickens charge for a copy of his book? _____

- 52) Unfortunately, Dickens spent more money fighting _____ editions due to the copyright laws loosely enforced.
- 53) As a class, we will be viewing the _____ edition of *A Christmas Carol* which featured George C. Scott.
- 54) **Cooking the Cratchit's Christmas Goose** – The homes of the poor were equipped with open fireplaces for heat and cooking but not with _____. The Cratchits goose was cooked at the local _____.

G. Dickens in America:

- 55) **First American Visit - 1842**- How old was Dickens when he first traveled to America? _____
- 56) One of Dickens' purposes for traveling to America was to put forth the idea of an _____ copyright law since he suffered from his many works being pirated (copied without him receiving payment).
- 57) Dickens while in America wanted to visit the South to observe first hand _____.
- 58) Dickens came away from his American experience with a sense of _____.
- 59) **Second American Visit 1867-68** – Dickens chose a second visit to America in order to make money from his popular _____ tours. Despite the remarkable success everywhere he went, his _____ was in rapid decline.
- 60) How long did he stay on this second trip? _____
- 61) How many performances did he complete? _____
- 62) Did Charles Dickens and Edgar Allan Poe ever meet in person? _____
- BONUS** – What steamship did Dickens sail upon to travel to America in 1842? _____.

H. Dickens Quotes:

- 63) "It is a melancholy truth that even great men have their poor relations" is a quote from *Bleak House* found on page _____.
- 64) Identify the book which had the following quote: "Time will wear wings indeed!" _____
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Video Responses

View the videos (links are posted in Google Classroom and the class website) and complete the following:

Video "[Victorian Child Labor](#)"

Identify at least 4 negative effects of child labor

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Identify at least 4 types of jobs children may have had.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Video "[Rich & Poor](#)"

Identify four negative conditions that poor people faced during the Industrial Revolution mentioned in the video.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Identify at least 5 benefits that rich people had during the Industrial Revolution.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.