

English

Subject: English

An introduction to the writings of Charles Dickens and the features of Victorian literature.

Number of Periods per week: 4

Class Teacher: C. Lawlor

Aims and objective:

- To read and analyse Charles Dickens' novella *A Christmas Carol*.
- To foster an appreciation of the social, cultural and political changes throughout the Victorian era.
- To critically evaluate the gothic features of Dickens' writing and create links across his other texts.

Course content:

- Read and analyse *A Christmas Carol*.
- Complete research and essay writing on Dickens' social and political message.
- Create comparisons of the gothic and Victorian features of Dickens' writing across a variety of extracts.
- Prepare a presentation on Dickens' writing in terms of narrative method, genre, characterisation and imagery – examining how the novella responds to, or challenges, significant aspects of Victorian culture and society

Method of assessment:

Students will complete one writing assessment in class based on *A Christmas Carol* and relate their work to the cultural context of the Victorian Era.

Digital Learning Skills:

All written homework will be managed and submitted through the Microsoft Teams platform.

Students will also develop their research and inference skills through online research.

PDF version of *A Christmas Carol* will be available on Microsoft Teams for students to access.

