A Christmas Carol journals

* Choose 10 of the following topics and write a 1 page response for each.

1. What gives you joy at Christmas time?

2. Write a description of Scrooge based on the written story and any videos you may have seen. You should use some words from the story. Be sure to put quotation marks around exact words from the book.

3. What is your opinion of Scrooge? Would you expect Scrooge to do philanthropy? Why or why not? Consider: how he chooses to live his life; how he treats others (such as Bob Cratchit); his response to the Gentleman Visitor's request; and, the author’s description of Scrooge.

4. What do you think Marley’s chain represents? Why does he wear it?

5. Why does Marley appear to Scrooge?

6. Write out the quotation from Stave One that indicates Marley is sorry for the priorities he had when he was alive. Looking at this quotation, what do you think the spirit is trying to teach Scrooge and what, if anything, has he learned at this point?

7. Compare Scrooge with his late partner, Jacob Marley. How are they alike?

8. Contrast Scrooge with his old master, Fezziwig. How are they different?

9. According to Scrooge, why was Fezziwig a good master?

10. What seems to be happening to Scrooge here in Stave One?

11. List at least five characteristics of a person who does philanthropy. Why would someone want to practice philanthropy?

12. Write a paragraph in your journal contrasting Scrooge's life with Bob Cratchit's.

13. Write a new description of Scrooge. What led to this change? Consider the spirits and the climax.
14. Based on class discussions, write what you think is one philanthropic theme found in *A Christmas Carol*. 