Directions: Choose one of the following projects. Pick one that you will have fun doing and that will express your best work.

*The Spirits of Christmas* -- Carefully review Dickens’ descriptions of Marley and the three ghosts. Sketch colorful portraits of each on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Label your sketches and write a paragraph explaining the purpose of each ghost and how it affected Scrooge. Indicate which spirit seemed to affect Scrooge the most and why.

*Newspaper Report* -- Pretend you are a reporter from a London newspaper and interview Scrooge. In your news article answer the following questions. Lay this out to look like a page in a newspaper. Mr. Scrooge, you were once known as “a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!” How would you describe yourself now? What would you say caused this change? What was most important to you in the past? What is important to you now? What is your deepest regret about the past? Why is that such a cause of regret? Since you have changed, which deed are you proudest of and why? How has becoming a philanthropist affected the way you feel about others? How has it changed you? What advice would you give others, based on your own experience? How would you like to be remembered? In fact, how would you like your epitaph to read?

*Sequel* -- Write a sequel to the story, describing how Scrooge lives out his everyday life and how he celebrates Christmas ten years after his experiences with the spirits. (at least 2 pages)

*Ghosts & You* -- Imagine that the three spirits of Christmas paid you a visit. Describe and/or draw what each spirit would show you (characters, places and events). Sum up your experiences by writing about how this visit might help you be more philanthropic.

*Philanthropy & You* -- Collect at least ten newspaper articles, church bulletin announcements, and/or requests that come in the mail that give opportunities to do philanthropy. Neatly organize them into a scrapbook or three-pronged folder. Write an explanation next to the news articles to tell how they relate to philanthropy. Choose one of the church bulletin announcements or mailings actually to do and become involved in philanthropy. Write about which one you chose and why. Reflect on your experiences (at least 1 page).

*A Christmas Carol & Figurative Language* -- The novella is filled with figurative language. Go through the each stave and find one figurative language quotation. Copy it word for word. Explain what it is and why. Make colored illustrations that describes the quotations, include the quotations, the name and the page number. Be sure to have a Works Cited. This should have a scrapbook quality.