Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol in Prose" as the basis of an instructional unit

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Summary of 'A Christmas Carol'. Introducing Ebenezer Scrooge. It all begins on a Christmas Eve that had, as described by the author, a "cold, bleak, biting weather." Unlike the others, Scrooge is in his counting house with his clerk, Bob Cratchit who is busy copying letters.