

Stave Four

1. Firstly, put the quotations from the Stave in the correct order:

	Quotation	Order
1	'Somebody was fool enough to do it, but I took it off again. If calico an't good enough for such a purpose, it isn't good enough for anything ... He can't look uglier than he did in that one.'	
2	'I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive with me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach. Oh, tell me I may engage away the writing on this stone!'	
3	'Why, what was the matter with him? ... I thought he'd never die.' 'God knows,' said the first with a yawn.	
4	She was a mild and patient creature if her face spoke truth, but she was thankful in her soul to hear it, and she said so, with clasped hands.	
5	Scrooge crept towards it, trembling as he went; and following the finger, read upon the stone of the neglected grave his own name - BENEZER SCROOGE.	
6	'I fear you more than any spectre I have seen. But as I know your purpose is to do me good, and as I hope to live to be a better man from what I was, I am prepared to bear you company, and do it with a thankful heart.'	
7	There was a chair set close beside the child, and there were signs of someone having been there, lately ... and when he had thought a little and composed himself, he kissed the little face.	
8	Not another word. That was their meeting, their conversation, and their parting.	
9	He lay, in the dark empty house, with not a man, a woman, or a child, to say that he was kind to me in my hour of need, and for the memory of one kind word I will be kind to him.	

2. Now decide what the context of each quotation is; that is, explain who, if anyone, is speaking and what is happening in each of these scenes.
3. What do we learn about the characters in this Stave? What sort of people does Dickens depict (describe)? What sort of impression do we get of them?
4. What do we learn about Scrooge in this Stave? How do we know that he has changed? What words and phrases does Dickens use to show us this change?
5. Create a storyboard or diagram of this Stave and use quotations to illustrate your ideas.