

What we already know

- Narrative structure: beginning, middle and end
- Characters, plot and structure

Stage 8/9 English: 19th Century Fiction

What's next

- Analysing character, plot and structure and considering writer's intentions.

English Golden Concepts

Reading: Fluency

Reading: Comprehension

Speaking and Listening

Writing: Transcription

Writing: Composition

What is 19th Century fiction?

A 19th Century novel is a work of fiction that is published roughly between 1800 and 1899, encompassing a wide range of genres and subgenres including Gothic, Historical Fiction, Realist novels, and the emergence of science fiction, horror, and mystery.

Key Vocabulary

Miser	a person who hoards wealth and spends as little money as possible.
Misanthropist	person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society
Solitary	existing alone, secluded
Ignorance	Lack of knowledge or understanding
Ghost	An appearance of a dead person manifesting as a living person
Spirit	Typical quality, mood or attitude of a person or group
Joyous	Full of happiness and joy
Humbug	An expression of distaste (dislike of something or someone)
Remorse	To deeply regret something

What do I need to know about plot and structure?

I should be able to:

- identify and explain the main events in the story;
- understand the narrative structure (what happens in the beginning, middle and end;
- recognise the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution.

What do I need to know about characters?

I should be able to:

- identify the main characters using the correct terminology (protagonist, antagonist and supporting characters);
- describe characters' physical and personality traits;
- track character development and changes over time.

What do I need to know about setting?

I should be able to:

- describe the time period, location and environment;
- describe the setting and its significance to the story;
- explain how the setting influences characters and plot.

The Characters

Ebenezer Scrooge



Jacob Marley



Bob Cratchit

Ghost of Christmas
PastGhost of
Christmas PresentGhost of Christmas
Yet to Come