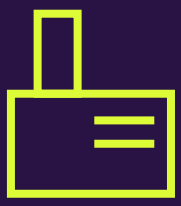
FRED

Key features · development · paired evidence



THE BIG IDEA

Fred presents belonging as an offer made before it is earned. His steady generosity provides an alternative to Scrooge's isolation.

FOLLOW THE CHARACTER

1 Offers companionship › **2** Rejects Scrooge's values › **3** Keeps the invitation open › **4** Welcomes his return

CHRISTMAS AS SHARED HUMANITY

"kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time"

Fred, Stave 1

PAIRED WITH

"fellow-passengers to the grave"

Fred, Stave 1

METHOD → MEANING

The list turns Christmas into a set of social practices. The travel metaphor places different classes on a shared human journey, challenging the separation Scrooge protects.

REJECTION MEETS AN OPEN DOOR

"I mean to give him the same chance every year"

Fred, Stave 3

PAIRED WITH

"Let him in! It is a mercy he didn't shake his arm off."

Narrator about Fred's welcome, Stave 5

METHOD → MEANING

Repeated opportunity makes Fred's care persistent. The excited narrative exclamation and energetic handshake turn that principle into an embodied welcome.

PUSH THE ARGUMENT

Fred does not need a conversion arc. His consistency matters because Scrooge's relationship to his offer changes.

COVER THE SHEET. CAN YOU EXPLAIN…?

Why does Fred's welcome matter more because he offered it before Scrooge became generous?