

# Spotlight Guide 2020 - 2021

## *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* By Mark Brown



In this hilarious, twisted take on the holiday classic, it's one year after *A Christmas Carol* and Scrooge has returned to his miserly ways... The Ghosts of Christmas are on trial for breaking and entering, kidnapping, slander, pain and suffering, attempted murder, and the intentional infliction of emotional distress as Scrooge rants and raves to the court. Both silly and sweet, *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* is a heartwarming comedy for the whole family!

## Activities and Lesson Plan

### What is a Sequel?

*The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* by Mark Brown is a sequel to *A Christmas Carol*, by famed English playwright Charles Dickens. In modern times we see the sequel concept in films such as *Batman*, *Superman*, various Disney films and the like. Do the movies have a sequel? If not, take a minute to briefly describe what that sequel might be for one of those movies (What characters would remain and which ones will be written out of or added to the story)?

### Write a Review

After seeing the production, have each student write a review of Orlando Shakes' production. The review should include one paragraph each for acting, design and special effects.

### Discussion & Themes

What lesson does Scrooge learn? Are we responsible for others less fortunate than we?

*See the full study guide for expanded activities.*

## Florida Standards

LAFS.910.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details  
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LAFS.1112.SL.1: Comprehension and Collaboration  
LAFS.1112.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details  
TH.912.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts  
TH.68.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential.  
TH.68.S.3: Artists learn to master techniques.



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Mildly frightening content

Most appropriate for Grade 6 and up.