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Shadows and Light

Short Answer Key

1. Dickens describes Scrooge's home as dark, cold, and lonely, showing that even though Scrooge is wealthy, he is not happy because he has no meaningful relationships.
2. The Cratchit family's Christmas dinner is special because it is filled with love and gratitude, even though the food is simple and their resources are limited.
3. Ignorance and Want symbolize the dangers of neglecting the poor and uneducated. They remind Scrooge—and readers—that society suffers when it fails to care for those in need.
4. Dickens shows that wealth does not guarantee happiness by contrasting Scrooge's lonely, joyless life with the Cratchit family's warmth and love despite their poverty.
5. The Cratchit family teaches Scrooge that love, kindness, and togetherness are more important than material wealth.

