Charles Dickens and *A Christmas Carol* Web Quest

Name _________________________________ Period _____

The story takes place during the Victorian Era, which is a period of history from 1837-1901 during the reign of the Queen Victoria.

1. **Charles Dickens Fast Facts** - Read this brief biography of Charles Dickens and answer these questions:
   a) Where was Dickens born?
   b) When was Dickens born?
   c) What happened to him at age 12?
   d) Whom did he marry?
   e) How many children did Dickens have?
   f) When did Dickens write these popular and well-known works?
      1. *A Tale of Two Cities:*
      2. *David Copperfield:*
      3. *A Christmas Carol:*
      4. *Great Expectations:*
      5. *Oliver Twist:*
   g) When did Dickens die?
   h) What caused his death?

2. **Charles Dickens: A Chronology of his Life** - Visit this website, and answer these questions:
   a) When did the Dickens family move to Camden Town?
   b) When did Dickens become an office boy of an attorney?
   c) How old was Dickens when he left school and decided to become a journalist?
   d) What was Dickens first published story?
   e) When did Dickens begin doing public readings in America?
   f) Where is Dickens buried?


4. **Dickens and Christmas** – In *A Christmas Carol*, Tiny Tim was a little boy who had an illness which made it difficult for him to walk without a crutch. What disease did he have? (Hint: Scroll down to “Tiny Tim’s Ailment.”)

5. **Dickens’ Christmas Page** - Plum Pudding and Smoking Bishop are two treats mentioned in *A Christmas Carol.*
   a) What are their ingredients?
      1. Plum pudding:
      2. Smoking bishop:
b) How were they prepared?

1. Plum pudding:
2. Smoking bishop:

(Hint: The information can be found in the left column. Scroll down – you’ll find it!)

6. **Currency** - Back in the Victorian era, the coins were called pound, shilling, and pence. Scrooge paid his worker “fifteen shilling a week.” What could Bob Cratchit buy with that amount of money? (Hint: Scroll down to find “Fifteen Bob a Week.” Be sure to identify the cost of EACH item.)