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AN EXPLORATION OF THE HUMAN CONDITION IN 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'





ORACY TASK: DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING



“Literary texts are a reflection of, and an exploration of, the human condition.” – AQA

What do you think is meant by ‘the human condition’?

Based on your discussion, write your ideas down in your book in no more than two sentences. You may use the sentence starter below if you wish:

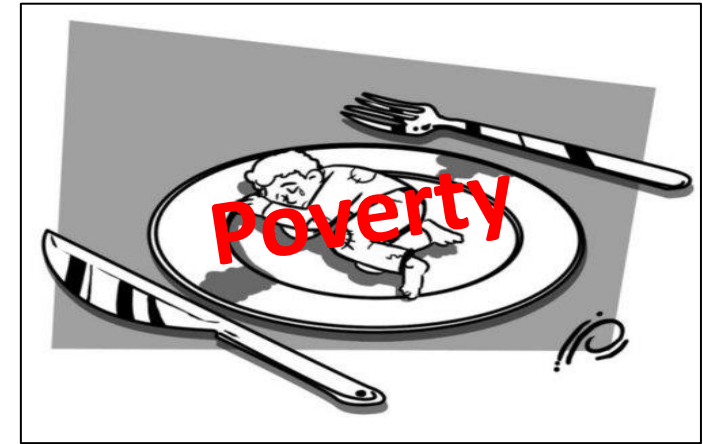
The ‘human condition’ is an exploration of...



THE HUMAN CONDITION

The human condition is "the **characteristics, key events, and situations** which compose the essentials of **human existence**, such as birth, growth, emotionality, aspiration, conflict, and mortality".

YOUR TASK: WHAT DO THESE IMAGES REVEAL THE HUMAN CONDITION IN 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'?



Which from 'A Christmas Carol' do these images relate to?



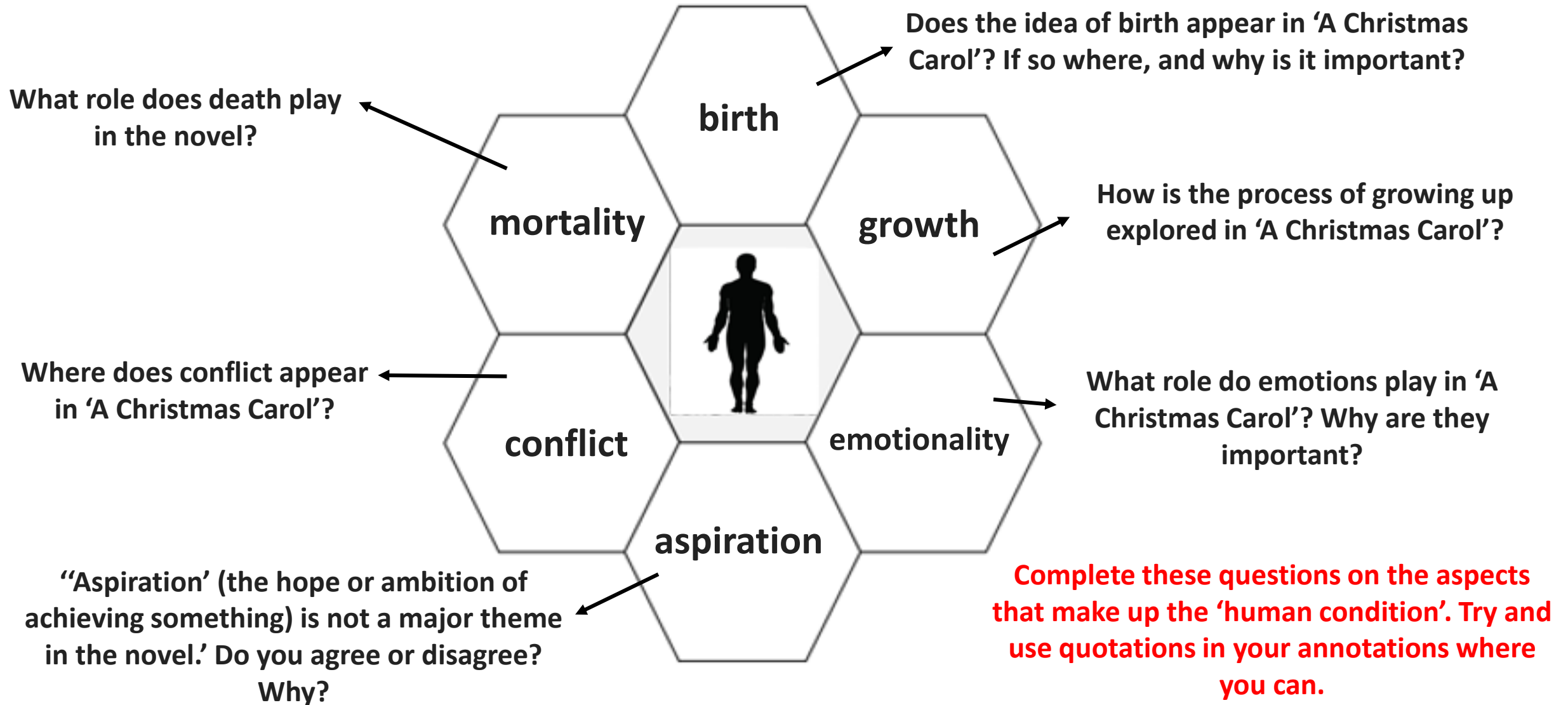
YOUR TASK: WHAT DO THESE IMAGES REVEAL THE HUMAN CONDITION IN 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'?



Looking at these themes, which aspects of human existence are explored by Dickens in 'A Christmas Carol'?: birth, growth, emotionality, aspiration, conflict, and mortality



YOUR TASK: EXPLORING THE HUMAN CONDITION



YOUR TASK: HOW DOES DICKENS COMMENT ON THE 'HUMAN CONDITION' IN 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'?

- a) If you had to pick one aspect of the 'human condition' that Dickens focuses on the most, which one would you pick and why? Use quotations in your answer.**
- b) Why do you think Dickens uses Scrooge to comment on the 'human condition'? Why not Fred or Bob Cratchit?**
- c) How is Dickens critical of humanity?**
- d) Which aspect of the 'human condition' is at fault for turning society into what it has become in Dickens' novel? Explain your ideas.**



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