A Christmas Carol
Charles Dickens

Assignment: Who is the most indispensable minor character in A Christmas Carol? Consider the great variety of characters Dickens created including:

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<th>Bob Cratchit</th>
<th>Nephew Fred</th>
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<td>Present</td>
<td>Fezziwig</td>
<td>Lost Love (Belle)</td>
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<td>Fan</td>
<td>Thin or Portly Man</td>
<td>Mrs. Cratchit</td>
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<td>Tiny Tim</td>
<td>Future</td>
<td>Old Joe</td>
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Using the order of importance organizational structure, take a stand on the issue and defend your position with at least 3 supporting reasons explaining why your character is so vital to the story.

Use at least 1 quote from the text to help defend your position.

Have a clear topic sentence stating your position such as, “Of all the well-crafted characters in Dickens’ classic tale, A Christmas Carol, I believe that ________________ is the most significant.”

Include a clincher sentence to wrap up your position.

Length ¾ - 1 page.

CHECKLIST

- I have a thesis statement.
- I have 3 supporting details on this minor character’s importance.
- I have incorporated at least 1 quote.
- I have explained my quote.
- I have used a clincher sentence to echo my main idea.