

Research: Cornell Notes

Note: Students should complete Cornell Notes for every source that they believe has relevant information for their essay. This completed handout shows what their completed notes will look like for one source.

Source Information (Provide MLA citation):

Hudson, Alex. "Charles Dickens: Six Things He Gave the Modern World." BBC News. BBC News Magazine, 15 Dec. 2011. Web. 15 June 2016.

Key Points/Questions

In the early 19th century, Christmas was not a popular holiday.

For many people, it was a regular business work day.

A Christmas Carol helped to change that by showing Christmas celebrations.

Quotes and Page Numbers

"Modern commentators have described Dickens as 'the man who invented Christmas'." (paragraph 4)

"The idea of a white Christmas - which was and still remains a relatively uncommon occurrence in much of the UK - appears in *A Christmas Carol* as if it happened each and every year." (paragraph 8)

What did you learn?

Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* helped to depict the Christmas holiday in a festive, celebratory way that helped to popularize the idea of the holiday. He is also associated with inventing the concept of a "white Christmas," which is now something people often associate with the holiday and Christmas tradition.