

Dickens Warmer

Preparation

Cut up the text on the next page into sentence strips and stick these on the walls around the classroom.

Procedure

Tell the class that the sentences around the room refer to a famous person who contributed to British culture. Students walk around the room reading the strips and try to work out who the person is. If nobody can work it out, tell the class that the mystery person was a novelist who wrote *Oliver Twist*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *David Copperfield*. (Of course, the answer is Charles Dickens.)

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He was born on 7th February 1812.

He died on 9th June 1870.

He was born in Portsmouth, and the house where he was born is now a museum devoted to him.

Until 2003, his face used to appear on £10 notes.

There are festivals devoted to him all over the world.

He was involved in a train crash in 1865. He survived, and helped tend to the injured.

He is buried with many other famous writers in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey. However, he wanted to be buried at Rochester Cathedral.
