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Read the feature topic on Charles Dickens in today's ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.



- Class discussion: Have you read any books by Charles Dickens, or watched a movie based on one?
- How long ago did people start going to cinemas?
- How did Dickens begin his writing career?



- Find the meaning of the following words:
 - debt
 - blithe
 - abutting
 - peninsular
- Locate the Black Sea on a world map and find out which countries surround it.



- Rank the book covers pictured in order, from most to least appealing to you. Then research to find out what each book is about. Rank them again based on the plot. Did your rankings change?
- Research to find out how life in England has changed from when Dickens was alive to now.



- Find out which day of the week you and your siblings, or a few friends were born. Do you think the nursery rhyme accurately describes each of you?
- If Charles Dickens had been part of a wealthy family, what kinds of stories do you think he might have written?



- Choose one Charles Dickens book and create a new book cover for it. Remember to include the title and author.
- Write your own short story about a poor child. It can be set either in the 1800s or now.



- Flick through today's edition of *The West Australian* to see whether there are any articles about authors or books. Don't forget to look in ED! Magazine.

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Read the stories in ED! Magazine's *NEWS FLASH* column and complete some of the activities below.

Trump in military threat



- Why was tear gas fired at peaceful protesters?



- What do you think Trump means by calling himself the "president of law and order"?
- What does 'mass civil unrest' mean?



- Write a fictional caption to accompany the photo of Trump.

Australian racism real



- Who is Fiona Stanley?



- Find the definition of the term racism.
- List some examples of racism.



- Do you think that well-known non-Aboriginal people who publicly stand up to racism have an impact on the general public? Why/ why not?

Queen for 67 years



- Search online to find out what the duties of The Queen are.



- Find out who the previous three monarchs of England were. How are they related to the current Queen?



- Would you like to be the Queen or King of England? Write a list of pros and cons then form your opinion.



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