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- Charles Dickens is the most famous writer in English literature.
- His stories such as *Great Expectations*, *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol*, have continued to shape the way in which we understand the Victorian Era,
- Dickens writes about the struggle of daily life, but also the idea that you can make a positive change in your own life.
- in 1824 their debts caught up with them, and John Dickens was imprisoned in Marshalsea Prison, along with his wife and most of his family.

Charles Dickens, aged 12, was sent to live with a family friend, and to work at Warren's shoe polish factory. His experience of living on the very edge of absolute poverty never left him.

- He gained a reputation when he began to write short stories, based on his observations of life in the city of London
- he produced a body of work as reporter, essayist

What are some facts about Charles Dickens writing style?

His writing style was **heavily detailed**. He used exaggeration in description to imply character traits. He was fond of metaphor, simile and frequently repeated words in a sentence to emphasize a phrase

What genre is Dickens novel?

- Some of his characters are grotesques; Dickens loved the style of eighteenth-century **Gothic romance**, even though the popularity of those novels was on the wane, and his fiction features many elements of that genre. Dickens was thus a late contributor to the development of Gothic English literature.

What are the settings of Dickens novels?

- Charles Dickens's works are especially associated with **London**, which is the setting for many of his novels. These works do not just use London as a backdrop but are about the city and its character.

Which language structure is Dickens using?

- Charles Dickens uses **formal diction** when writing his characters' dialogue to create a particular effect on the reader.

What are the features of Dickens novels?

- Dickens's novels are marked by a **large number of deaths and violence**, as perceptive contemporary readers observed. Also noteworthy is the concern with food and drink which runs through his novels and the various ways they are used