

## *A Christmas Memory* Worksheet

**A - Instructions:** On a separate piece of paper look up each word and write a definition. Use a dictionary or reference PC to assist you. Please write out the word and then the definition.

Calico	Squander	Humiliation
Inauguratory	Tabulate	Luster
Exhilarate	Festoon	Goad
Dilapidated	Prosaic	Noncommittal
Paraphernalia	Garish	Irreplaceable
Sacrilegious	Potent	Cavort
Somber	Ruination	Sever

**B - Instructions:** On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. Who is Buddy's best friend?
2. Who is the narrator of this story?
3. What do Buddy and his friend make every Christmas?
4. What is different about this particular Christmas in Buddy's memory?
5. What are at least 2 ways that Buddy and his best friend make money?
6. What causes the two friends to be separated?
7. What Christmas presents do Buddy and his friend exchange?
8. What is Queenie's Christmas present?
9. What happens to Queenie?
10. What happens to Buddy's friend?
11. Describe the setting in this story. What does it add to the piece?
12. How would you describe the author's tone in this story?

**C - Instructions: *Respectful Epitaph:*** On your own paper, respond to the following writing prompt. An epitaph is a brief inscription on a tombstone honoring the person buried there. Write the epitaph that Buddy might have composed for his friend.