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On the Dickens trail

① Charles Dickens is one of England's most famous writers. He lived in Higham, just outside Rochester. In the **Guildhall Museum part 2** you can discover more about him and find out which parts of Medway appeared in his stories.



☞ Find a model of Charles Dickens. He has fallen asleep at his desk. He has been writing.

✎ What has he been using to write? _____

✎ What must be in the pot? _____

✎ Why do you think it has a lid? _____

👁 The paper on the desk is a copy of Dickens's actual writing. The story is *A Christmas Carol*. Look how many times he has crossed out the words to try to improve what he wants to say.

✎ The writing is held down by a paperweight. How do you know this was made specially for Dickens? _____

① The big picture behind shows him giving a public reading. He travelled all over Britain and the USA reading his books like this to huge audiences.

✎ Look at the desk in the picture. You can see

- a book rest
- a handkerchief

• a _____

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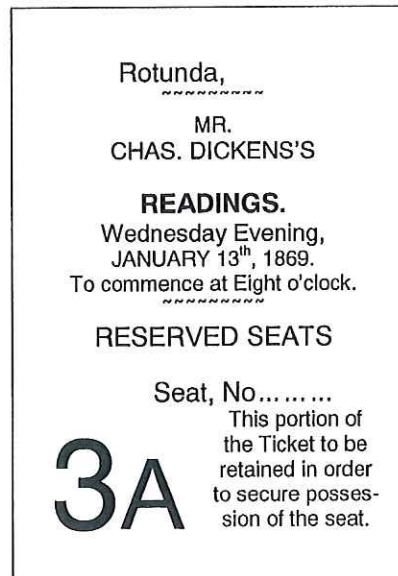
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👁 If you look around the panels on the walls you will find pictures of tickets sold for Dickens's last reading tour.

✎ Fill in the missing words here →

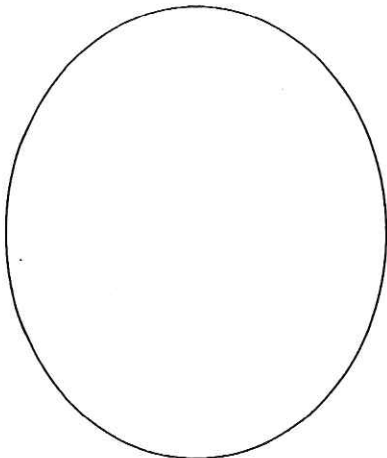
✎ Now use the touch screen in this room to do some research and answer the following questions:



In which book does the Guildhall (opposite this building) appear?

Why did Dickens stay in Chalk (near Gravesend) in 1836?

Dickens was given a Swiss Chalet (a kind of building) by a friend. What was it like when it arrived?



👁 Find a tiny picture of Dickens shaped like this in the big glass case. Look at the frame.

✎ Use the oval shape to design another symmetrical fancy frame for a miniature portrait.