English 1201 – Informal Speaking Assignment (VOICE)

**Quote from *A Christmas Carol***

*"Business!"* cried the Ghost [of Marley], wringing his hands again. *"Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"* (Stave One, p.14)

**Prompt:**

It is quite common for us to read a piece of work and find out there is a hidden message that applies to real life and society. What are your thoughts on how the above quote portrays such a message?

**Tip:**

Remember to be original with your response. Re-read the quote in context. Take time and reflect. Talk it over with parents and Newfoundland’s greatest natural resource, grandparents.