



Module 5
Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens
the most famous British
realist writer

Main themes

social issues for a change
towards lower classes

abuse and exploitation
of children

neat distinction
between good and bad

vivid characters,
but not too complex

style influenced by
serial publication

use of repetitions, hyperboles,
lots of details, humorous and
grotesque registers

writer's role is to
teach and entertain

London as
favourite setting

Main works

The Pickwick Papers
(1836-1837)

Oliver Twist
(1837-1839)

A Christmas Carol
(1843)

Dombey and Son
(1847-1848)

David Copperfield
(1849-1850)

Bleak House
(1852)

Hard Times
(1854)

Little Dorrit
(1855-1857)

Great Expectations
(1860)