

Charles Dickens was born in Landport, (1)_____, on February 7, 1812. John Dickens, his father, worked as a clerk in a naval payroll office in Portsmouth. He was posted to several places like London, then to Chatham, and finally, in 1822, back to London, where the family lived in Camden Town. Dickens's father was sent to prison for debt in (3)_____. Due to their increasing poverty, Charles left school at the age of twelve and joined a boot polish factory to support his family. There he came to know how the oppressed are used brutally by the factory owners for work purposes, they were ill-fed, shabbily clothed and diseased. That's what also inspired him to write (5) " _____ ."

Later on, Dickens became a reporter. In December 1833, The Monthly Magazine, published his first work.