

An Inspector Calls

Set 1912 but first performed 1945...



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(socialist)

If men will not learn, they will be taught

Society is broken

Act 1: Mr Birling's Speech
Inspector Arrives * Sheila confesses
Eva Smith is Daisy Renton

Act 2: Gerald's Affair
Mrs Birling Cornered
Eric Enters

She was very pretty...I couldn't feel sorry for her

Hard faced prostitutes
Music halls - notorious

Revelations

Entrances & Exits

Language use: Emotive, Authoritative, Childish

We often do with the young ones. They're more impressionable

We are members of one body

You think young women ought to be protected?

We have to share something. If there's nothing else, we'll have to share our guilt

A chain of events

I did nothing I'm ashamed of

DENIED
She had only herself to blame

I don't believe it. I won't believe it



"behaving like a hysterical child"



"cold...superior"

It didn't seem anything very terrible at the time

You and I aren't the same people who sat down to dinner

EYE
"furious temper"
You're beginning all over again to pretend...



"pleased with life"

"she had a lot to say - far too much"

"wasn't the usual sort"

"young and fresh"

Each of you helped to kill her. Remember that.

"A bit out of the ordinary"

"Girls of that class"

She died in misery and agony hating life

"cheap labour"

She didn't blame me...

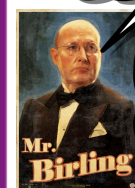


"half shy, half assertive"

"manly"

"well-bred"

"provincial"



"cold...superior"

Everything's all right now... What about this ring?

It's my duty to keep labour costs down

"wonderful fairy prince"

I was in that state when a chap easily turns nasty

"used her...as if she was an animal, a thing"

You're not the kind of father a chap could go to

He was our inspector all right

"hard-headed practical man"

Respectability

Secrecy

Family

Generations

Class

Appearance & Reality

Capitalism

Morality

Social Responsibility

Hypocrisy

Injustice

Judgment

Power

Act 3: Eric Confessed
Inspector's Speech
Lesson Learnt?



Labour strikes

"rotten story"

One Eva Smith is gone - but there are millions and millions...left with us.



omnipotent

