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Contextual Information & Who was JB Priestley?

1) When was 'An Inspector Calls' written? _____

2) When was 'An Inspector Calls' set? _____

3) What does a 'rigid hierarchical division' mean?

4) How was society divided in 1912?

5) Women were seen as _____ to men.

6) If you were a wealthy woman you were to _____. However, if you were poor you were _____.

7) In 1912 what did we not have to support society's most vulnerable?

8) How did society in 1912 oppose Priestley's own views?

9) By 1945, what had Britain had to endure?

10) What political change occurred in 1946?

11) Where and when was JB Priestley born? _____

12) Consider the differences between 1912 Britain (When we play was set) and 1945 Britain. **Why do you think Priestley set his play in 1912?**

1912	1945
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First World War starts in two years. Mr Birling's optimistic that there would not be a war is wrong. (Dramatic Irony - when only the audience knows about the ironic situation taking place in the play, which creates humour or suspense)• There were strong distinctions between the upper and lower classes.• Women were considered to be lower than men. All a well-off woman could do was get married; a working woman was seen as a poor person.• The ruling classes saw no need to change the status quo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Second World War ended on 8 May 1945. People were recovering from six years of warfare.• Class distinctions had been greatly reduced as a result of two world wars.• As a result of the wars, women had earned a more valued place in society.• There was a great desire for social change. Immediately after The Second World War, Clement Attlee's Labour Party won a landslide victory over Winston Churchill and the Conservatives.

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Mr Birling & Sheila Birling

1) Mr Birling is a _____, the _____ of Priestley's ideals

2) How is Mr Birling linked to Eva Smith?

3) Mr Birling is described as a _____ businessman.

(Challenge: What does this suggest about Mr Birling?)

4) Why is Mr Birling elated (happy) about the marriage between Sheila and Gerald?

5) What is Mr Birling worried will be tarnished by the Inspector's message?

6) "Working together for _____ and _____
_____."

7) "_____ mean something quite different to a woman... a token of their self-respect"
(Challenge: What does this suggest about Mr Birling's attitudes towards women?)

8) "Look, Inspector – I'd give _____ - yes, _____"

9) Sheila undergoes a rapid transformation in the play. She has a moment of _____ and
seemingly becomes a _____ convert.

10) How is Sheila linked to Eva Smith?

11) How does Sheila act at the beginning of the play?

12) "Look _____ isn't it a _____?"

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Gerald Croft

1) Gerald Croft didn't know Eva Smith by that name. He knew he by the name...

2) How did he first come to meet 'Daisy'?

3) What then happened in their relationship?

4) Gerald is an upper-class _____ from a very _____ family.

5) He is the only character who seems to have made Daisy what?

6) However, how does he act when learns the Inspector was fake?

7) Did Gerald *actually do anything wrong*?

8) "too _____ to be a _____"

9) "Getting a bit _____ aren't you Inspector?"

10) "I don't come into this _____"

11) How does the above quote juxtapose Priestley's views?

12) Sheila refers to Gerald as a _____ prince.

13) What does this suggest about Sheila's attitude towards Gerald after finding out about his relationship with Eva Smith/Daisy Renton?

14) "...everything _____ now Sheila.... What about this _____?"

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Mrs Birling & Eric Birling

1) Mr Birling is a _____ who refuses to acknowledge her role in Eva's death.

2) How does she view mixing with the lower classes?

3) Mrs Birling used her influence to refuse what?

4) How does Mrs Birling react Eva calling herself 'Mrs Birling'? What word specifically does she use and what do it mean?

5) What does it mean when Priestley says Mrs Birling is her husband's "social superior"?

6) How does Mrs Birling not allow her position as a woman to limit her?

7) Who does she blame for the death of Eva?

8) "When you're _____ you'll realise that men ... have to spend nearly all their time and energy on their _____."

9) "You know of course that my husband was _____ only two years ago"

10) How is Eric similar to Sheila?

11) How is he linked to Eva Smith?

12) Eric is presented as what from the very outset of the play? How do we know this?

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Eva Smith

1) What so significant about the character of Eva Smith?

2) How do we learn about her?

3) What implications do you think this has on Eva's image?

4) Eva is a _____ of the lower classes

5) What does the above word mean & how does this relate to Eva Smith?

6) Throughout the play how is Eva referred to?

7) How is she the antithesis of the Birling family?

8) Mr Birling – She “had _____ too much to _____”

9) What does this quotation suggest about Birling’s attitude towards Eva Smith?

10) Gerald – “she looked _____ and fresh and _____”

11) What does the lexis “fresh” suggest about Gerald’s attitudes towards Eva?

12) Eric – she was a “good _____”

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Inspector Goole

1) Inspector Goole is the moral, _____ voice of the play and argued _____ of JB Priestley himself.

2) What is the Inspector's role in the play?

3) What does Inspector Goole represent?

4) What does Inspector Goole allow JB Priestley to do?

5) The identity of Inspector Goole remains deliberately _____

6) What does the above word mean and what might the different identities of Inspector Goole be?

7) What's significant about Inspector Goole's arrival?

8) Why do you think Priestley decided to have a change of lighting when Inspector Goole arrives?

9) “(Cutting in _____)”

10) What does this quotation reveal about Inspector Goole’s attitude?

11) “(Dryly) I don’t play _____”

12) “If men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in _____ and _____
and _____”

Inspector Quotation Explosion

What is Inspector Goole warning the Birlings of here?

How might this link to biblical imagery?

Using online resources, what 20th century events might JB Priestley have been referring to when talking of “fire and blood and anguish”?

**“If men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in
fire and blood and anguish.”**

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The Play: An Overview

1) How does the play begin?

2) How are Sheila and Eric initially presented?

3) What does Mr Birling give lengthy monologues about? Why are they so ironic?

4) How does the Inspector's arrival immediately create tension?

5) Who is first to be interrogated and how are they linked to Eva Smith?

6) Who is second to be interrogated and how are they linked to Eva Smith?

7) Who is third to be interrogated and how are they linked to Eva Smith?

8) Who does the Inspector then turn his attention to? How are they involved with Eva Smith?

9) Who do the audience quickly realise is the father of the Eva's child?

10) How is the above character linked to Eva Smith?

11) What's significant about the Inspector's final speech?

12) How does the play end?
