

An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley

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Introduction
Worksheet One

This worksheet accompanies slide 3 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Author information

Which significant events in J B Priestley's life happened at these times?

1894: _____

1910: _____

1914: _____

1919: _____

1921: _____

1929: _____

1932: _____

1939: _____

1942: _____

1945: _____

1957: _____

1984: _____

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Worksheet Two

This worksheet accompanies slide 9 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Set design

Design your own set for the opening scene of *An Inspector Calls* on the stage below.



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Act One
Worksheet Three

This worksheet accompanies slide 13 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Characters

Read through the stage directions at the start of the play and then complete this table with the information you have been told about each character.

character	appearance	personality
Mr Birling		
Mrs Birling		
Sheila		
Eric		
Gerald		

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Worksheet Four

This worksheet accompanies slide 14 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Plot summary exercise – Act One

Fill in the gaps in the passage below using the words listed:

The play opens with the Birling family celebrating the _____ of Sheila and Gerald. The _____ mood is _____ by the arrival of Inspector _____, who informs them that he is investigating the death of a girl, Eva _____, who has committed _____. He shows her _____ to _____ and starts questioning him. Mr Birling admits that he _____ Eva from his factory, even though she was a very _____ worker, because she was one of the ringleaders of a _____ for more money.

_____ is questioned next and it turns out that she was the cause of Eva _____ her next job in Milwards, when Sheila complained about her being _____. The inspector explains that at this point Eva changed her name to Daisy Renton. _____ then confesses to Sheila that he had an _____ with Daisy Renton the previous summer.

murder happy strike Mr Birling
Eric Sheila photograph affair
spoilt good Smith suicide
engagement impertinent sacked poor
Goole Gerald body losing

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Worksheet Five

This worksheet accompanies slides 15-16 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Social status

Compare the Birlings' position in society with what you know about Gerald's parents, the Crofts. Can you find three quotations to back up your ideas?

Ideas:

Quotations:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



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Worksheet Six

This worksheet accompanies slide 20 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Dramatic irony

In Act One of *An Inspector Calls* Mr Birling says several things which we know him to be wrong about. Complete the table below.

Topic	What Mr Birling says will happen	What we know happened
Labour relations		
War		
The Titanic		
G B Shaw & H G Wells		

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Worksheet Seven

This worksheet accompanies slide 23 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Inspector Goole

Fill in the table below with what you learn about Inspector Goole. Add quotes to support your ideas.

What do we learn?	Evidence



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Date:

Worksheet Eight

This worksheet accompanies slide 25 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Mr Birling

How does Mr Birling react to the inspector's questions?

What do we learn about his involvement in Eva Smith's death?

Why do you think the inspector only shows the photograph to Mr Birling?



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Worksheet Nine

This worksheet accompanies slide 26 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Mr Birling

Was Mr Birling justified in firing Eva Smith? Write your ideas in the table below.

Arguments for firing Eva Smith	Arguments against firing Eva Smith

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Worksheet Ten

This worksheet accompanies slide 27 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Mr Birling

Build up a character profile of Mr Birling using the table below. Find quotes and examples to support your ideas.

Personality	Evidence



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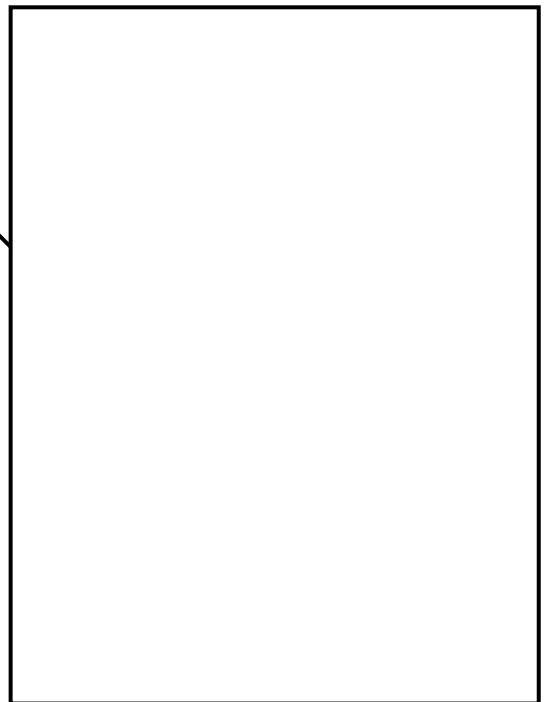

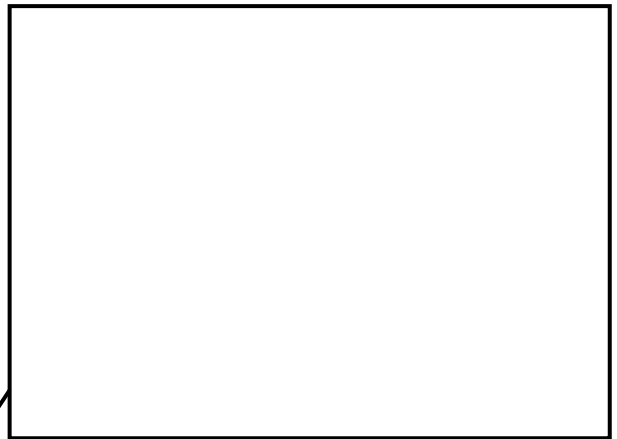
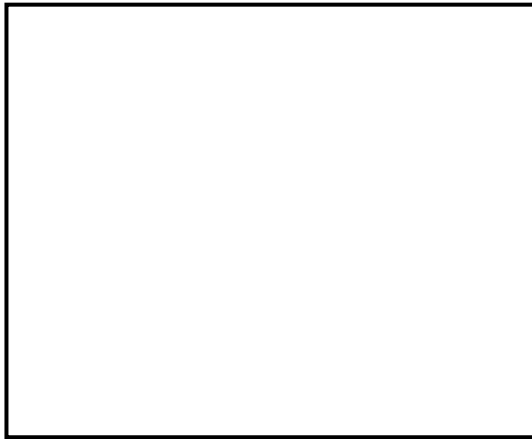
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Worksheet Eleven

This worksheet accompanies slide 28 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Sheila Birling

Brainstorm what you know about Sheila.



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Worksheet Twelve

This worksheet accompanies slide 30 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Character reactions

Contrast Sheila's and Mr Birling's reactions to the inspector using the table below.

Mr Birling	Sheila



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Worksheet Thirteen

This worksheet accompanies slide 32 of *An Inspector Calls - Introduction and Act One.ppt*

Important quotes

Find a quote for each character which you think will be useful when writing about the play.

Inspector Goole



Gerald



Sheila



Mr Birling



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Act Two
Worksheet Fourteen

This worksheet accompanies slide 2 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Plot summary exercise – Act Two

Fill in the gaps in the passage below using the words listed:

Act Two follows on immediately from the end of Act One. Gerald suggests Sheila be _____ but she _____ to leave. Mrs Birling tries to _____ the inspector, insisting that they know nothing about the girl, but the inspector persists with his enquiries, asking _____ about his involvement with her.

Gerald explains how he met and had _____ with _____ Renton the previous summer. He is obviously _____ by the news of her _____ and leaves the house for a _____. Before he goes, Sheila returns her engagement _____.

The inspector then turns his attention to _____, showing her the _____ of Eva, which she denies recognizing. Mrs Birling finally admits that Eva did come and ask her _____ organization for help two _____ previously. However, help was _____. At the end of the act, to her _____, Mrs Birling finally realizes _____'s involvement with Eva Smith.

Eric	refuses	Mrs Birling	death
Mr Birling	photograph	distressed	dismay
dismiss	ring	an affair	Daisy
excused	weeks	walk	months
Gerald	refused	lunch	charity

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Worksheet Fifteen

This worksheet accompanies slide 6 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Mrs Birling

Build up a character profile of Mrs Birling using the table below. Find quotes and examples to support your ideas.

Personality	Evidence



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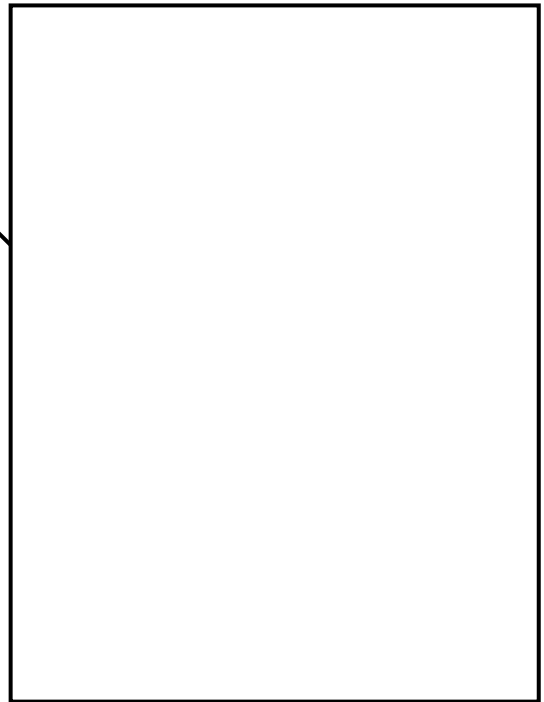
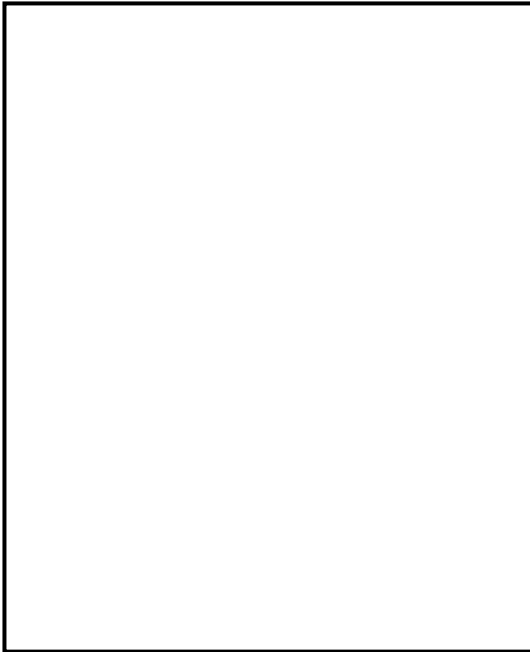
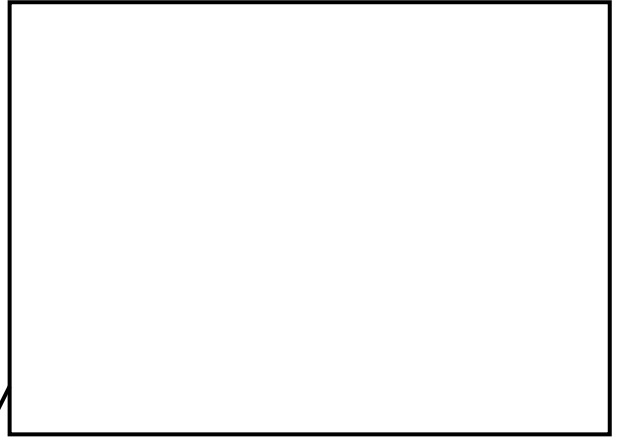
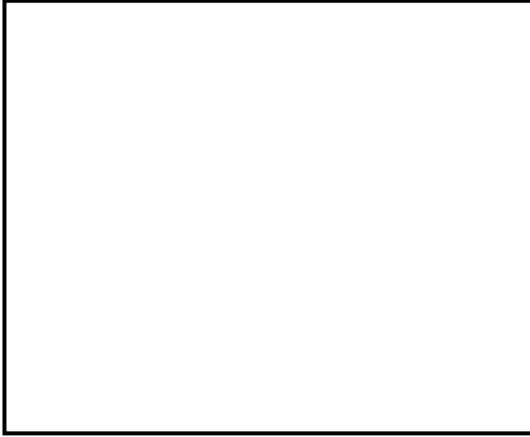
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Worksheet Sixteen

This worksheet accompanies slide 7 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Eric

Brainstorm what you know about Eric.



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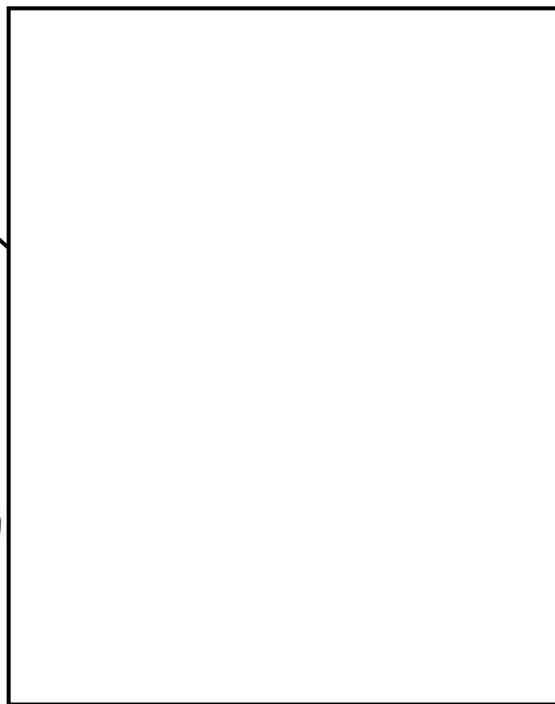
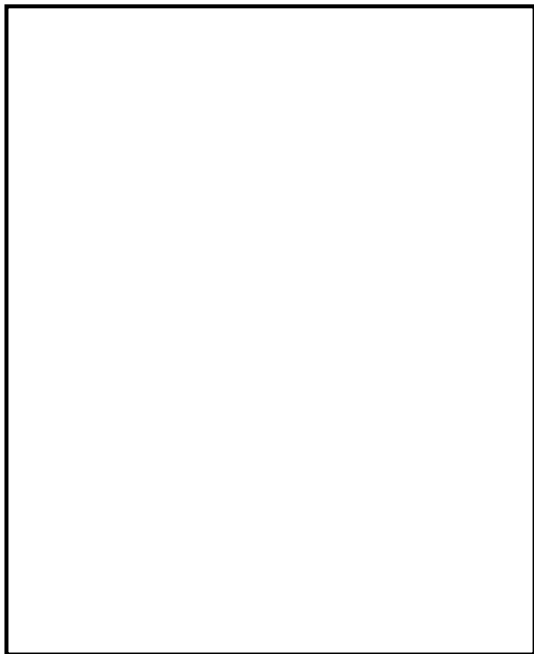
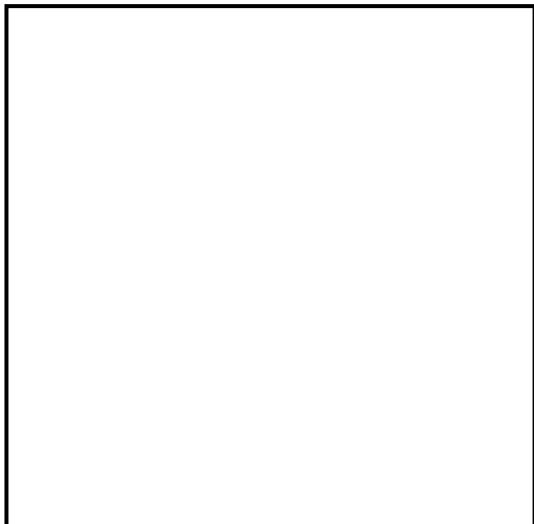
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Worksheet Seventeen

This worksheet accompanies slide 8 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Gerald

Brainstorm what you know about Gerald.



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Worksheet Eighteen

This worksheet accompanies slides 9 and 10 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Gerald and Daisy

Number these events in Gerald and Daisy's relationship according to the order in which they happened.

- ___ He rescues her from the advances of Alderman Meggarty.
- ___ Gerald breaks off the affair.
- ___ Daisy becomes Gerald's mistress.
- ___ Two nights later they meet again.
- ___ Gerald installs Daisy in the rooms of a friend of his.
- ___ Gerald takes Daisy to the County Hotel.
- ___ Gerald sees Daisy in the Palace bar.
- ___ Daisy tells Gerald about herself.

What arguments can you put forward to defend Gerald's behaviour towards Daisy?

List five arguments to defend Gerald's behaviour.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Worksheet Nineteen

This worksheet accompanies slide 11 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Relationships – Sheila and Gerald

Use this table to examine how Sheila and Gerald's relationship has changed since the beginning of the play.

Relationship	Evidence



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Worksheet Twenty

This worksheet accompanies slide 13 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Mrs Birling – true or false?

Mrs Birling initially denies recognizing the girl in the photo.	T	F
Eva came to Mrs Birling's organization for help.	T	F
Mrs Birling saw Eva two days before her death.	T	F
Eva went to Mrs Birling because she was Eric's mother.	T	F
Eva told Mrs Birling she'd been deserted by her husband.	T	F
Mrs Birling ensured that Eva was refused help.	T	F
Mrs Birling regrets the consequences of her actions.	T	F
The inspector does not want to talk to Eric.	T	F



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Worksheet Twenty-one

This worksheet accompanies slides 14 and 15 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Mrs Birling's reasons

Mrs Birling explains why she turned the girl down. She had three reasons.

What were they?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Dramatic irony

Find a quotation from Mrs Birling in this scene which shows Priestley's use of dramatic irony.



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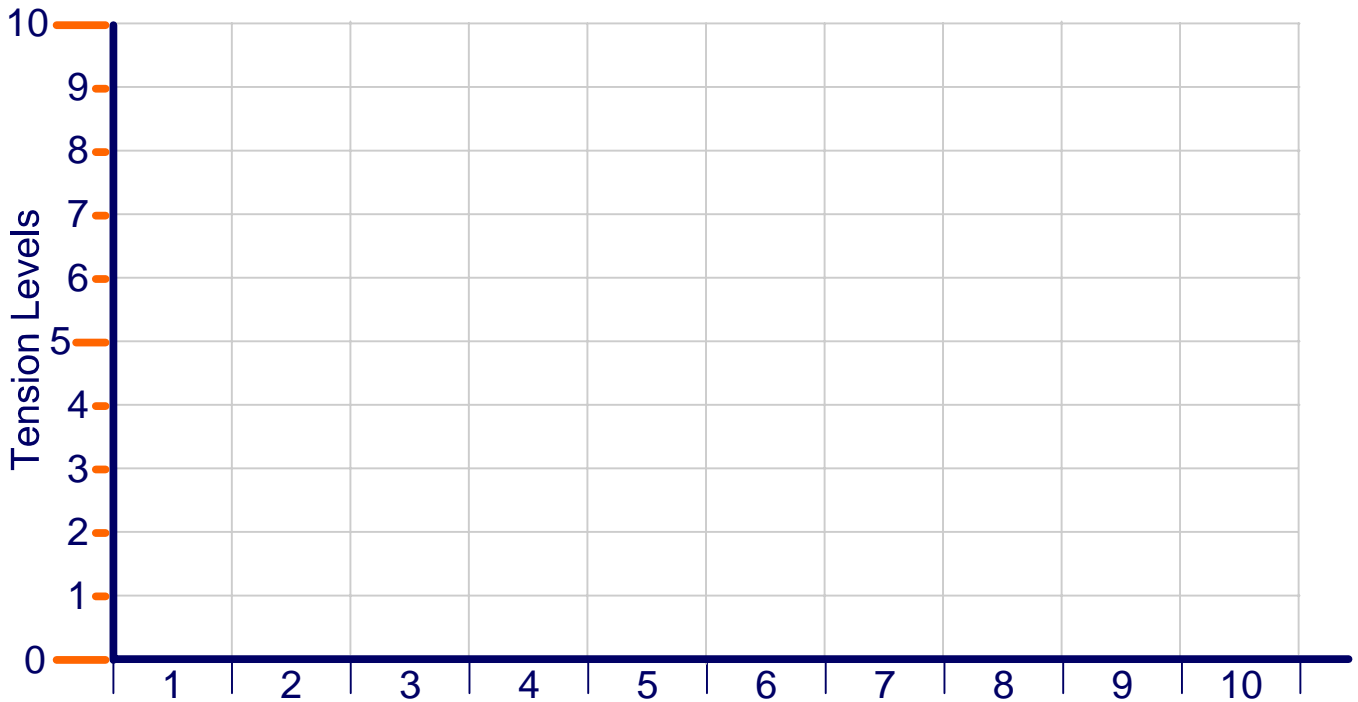
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Worksheet Twenty-two

This worksheet accompanies slide 16 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Two.ppt*

Dramatic structure

Plot the dramatic structure of Act Two on the axes below to make a line graph. The events that the numbers on the x axis represent are shown below.



- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1) Sheila and Gerald argue | 6) Sheila returns Gerald's ring |
| 2) Mrs Birling enters | 7) Mrs Birling is shown the photo |
| 3) Eric's drinking is revealed | 8) Mrs Birling explains how she met Eva |
| 4) Mr Birling enters | 9) Mrs Birling blames the father |
| 5) Gerald explains how he met Daisy | 10) Mrs Birling realizes the truth |

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Act Three

Worksheet Twenty-three

This worksheet accompanies slide 2 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Plot summary exercise – Act Three

Fill in the gaps in the passage below using the words listed:

Eric has returned to the house to be confronted by his _____ and the inspector. He answers the inspector's questions, describing how he met Eva and how she became _____. He gave her _____ until she refused to accept it. He is _____ when he discovers Mrs Birling _____ to help her.

The inspector then summarizes each character's _____ in Eva Smith's _____ before leaving the family. _____ and Sheila are ashamed of their behaviour while Mr and Mrs Birling are more _____ about the consequences their actions may have on their _____ standing. They begin to question whether Inspector Goole really was an _____. _____ returns and they establish that no Inspector Goole is on the police force. They then question whether the 'Eva Smith' they all encountered was one girl or _____. After ascertaining that no girl has committed _____ that day, they start to celebrate, until the phone rings with the news that a girl has just _____ and a police inspector is on his way.

two	pregnant	inspector	Eric	pleased
Gerald	death	ghost	money	social
refused	role	family	suicide	
concerned	victim	furious	died	
ill	several			

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Worksheet Twenty-four

This worksheet accompanies slide 4 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Eric's role – true or false?

Eric first met Eva in the spring.	T	F
The night they met, Eric insisted on returning to Eva's lodgings with her.	T	F
Eric arranged to meet Eva a fortnight later.	T	F
Eric only met Eva twice.	T	F
Eric describes Eva as pretty.	T	F
Eva wanted Eric to marry her.	T	F
Eric stole money from the firm to help Eva.	T	F
Eva chose to stop seeing Eric.	T	F



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Worksheet Twenty-five

This worksheet accompanies slide 5 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Eric and Gerald

Compare Eric's and Gerald's first meeting with the girl.

In what ways are they similar and how do they differ?

Similar	Different

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Worksheet Twenty-six

This worksheet accompanies slide 6 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Eva Smith

Can you remember the order in which events in Eva's life occurred?

Complete the table below.

Date	What happened
September 1910	
December 1910	
January 1911	
March 1911	
September 1911	
November 1911	
Dec/Jan 1912	
March 1912	
April 1912	

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Worksheet Twenty-seven

This worksheet accompanies slide 7 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Who is to blame?

Who do you think is most responsible for Eva Smith's death?

Write each character's name on one of the lines below.

most
to blame



least
to blame

Reasons why _____ is most to blame:



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Date:

Worksheet Twenty-eight

This worksheet accompanies slide 9 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Aftermath

When the inspector leaves how would you describe the feelings of each of the characters left in the room?

Character	Feelings
<p data-bbox="108 521 276 562">Mr Birling</p> 	
<p data-bbox="108 864 288 904">Mrs Birling</p> 	
<p data-bbox="108 1207 209 1247">Sheila</p> 	
<p data-bbox="108 1550 177 1590">Eric</p> 	

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Worksheet Twenty-nine

This worksheet accompanies slide 10 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Doubts

Who or what is the inspector?

Make a list of all the strange aspects of his behaviour and character.



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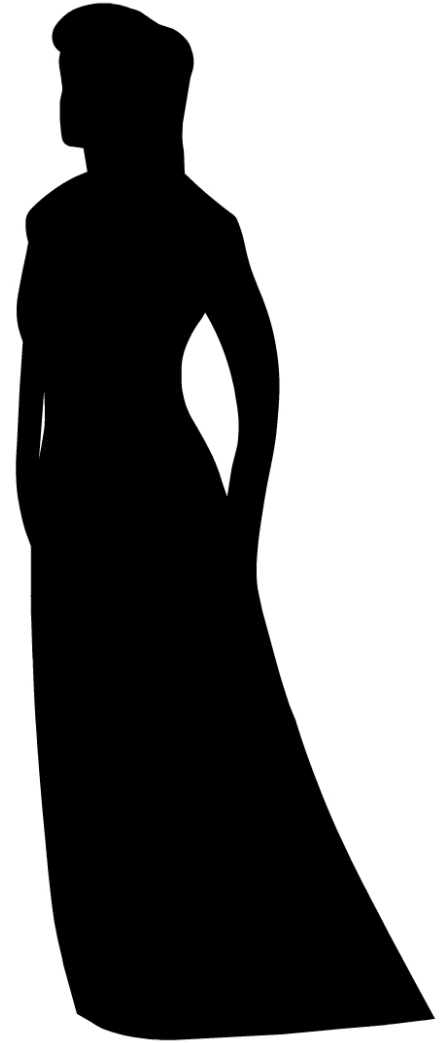
Worksheet Thirty

This worksheet accompanies slide 12 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Eva Smith

What do you know about Eva Smith?

Make a list below.



Name:

Date:

Worksheet Thirty-one

This worksheet accompanies slide 15 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Doubts

Find quotations from the play which demonstrate how each character feels when they realize the inspector may not have been real, and Eva may not have died.



Empty speech bubble for Mr. Birling.



Empty speech bubble for Mrs. Birling.



Empty speech bubble for Eric Birling.



Empty speech bubble for Sheila Birling.



Empty speech bubble for Inspector Goole.

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Worksheet Thirty-two

This worksheet accompanies slide 17 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

The end

Imagine the play continues. Write a short scene to illustrate how the characters react to the news that a girl has just died.

BIRLING That was the police. A girl has just died – on her way to the Infirmary – after swallowing some disinfectant. And a police inspector is on his way here – to ask some – questions–

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Worksheet Thirty-three

This worksheet accompanies slide 27 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

In the hotseat

Fill in the table below, answering each question from the point of view of each character.

	How did you feel before the inspector arrived?	How did you feel when you saw the photograph of Eva Smith?	How did you feel when the inspector left?	How did you feel at the end of the play?
Mrs Birling				
Mr Birling				
Gerald				
Eric				
Sheila				

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Worksheet Thirty-four

This worksheet accompanies slide 28 of *An Inspector Calls - Act Three.ppt*

Role play

Decide on ten questions to ask each character at the inquest into Eva Smith's death.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____
