

Set 1912 but first performed 1945...

# An Inspector Calls



J B Priestley (socialist)

If men will not learn, they will be taught

Society is broken

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

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

We are members of one body

You think young women ought to be protected?

A chain of events



omnipotent

We'll try to understand why it had to happen

It's better to ask for the earth than take it

Capitalism

Morality

Appearance & Reality

Class

Divisions

Gender

Generations

Relationships

Family

Social Responsibility

Secrecy

Hypocrisy

Injustice

Respectability

Judgment

Power

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

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

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

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

It didn't seem anything very terrible at the time

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

You're beginning all over again to pretend...

"furious temper"

Hard faced prostitutes



Music halls - notorious



Revelations

Entrances & Exits

Dramatic Irony

Language use: Emotive, Authoritative, Childish

Different worlds

"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"



EVA



Labour strikes

"rotten story"



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



"behaving like a hysterical child"



I did nothing I'm ashamed of

DENIED

She had only herself to blame

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

"cold...superior"

"provincial"



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

She didn't blame me...



"manly well-bred"

I was in that state when a chap easily turns nasty

"wonderful fairy prince"

It's my duty to keep labour costs down

"hard-headed practical man"



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

He was our inspector all right



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

