

Key term	Definition
Capitalism	Where individuals own and control businesses for the purpose of making profit
Socialism	Where businesses and land are owned collectively or by the government - aiming for a more equal society
Responsibility	Having a duty to take care of someone/ something
Injustice	Unfairness
Class	Grouping people within society based on wealth, occupation, and education
Dramatic Irony	When the audience/ reader knows something that the characters don't
Prejudice	Forming an unfair judgement based on stereotypes
Callousness	A lack of sympathy or concern for others - especially those suffering or in need
Hypocrisy	Behavior that contradicts a vocalised belief or feeling
Patriarchy	a society where men hold the majority of power

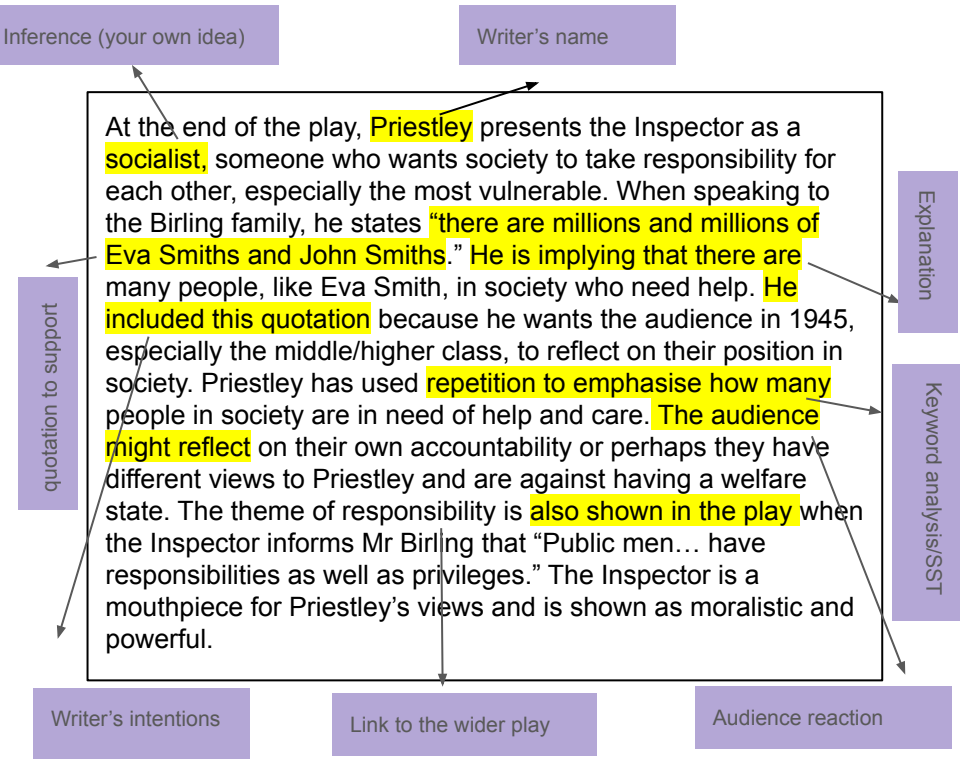
Characters in An Inspector Calls	
Mr Birling  Capitalist Arrogant Selfish	Mrs Birling  Cold-hearted Controlling Remorseless
Sheila  Immature Empowered Remorseful	Eric  Reckless Irresponsible Remorseful
Gerald  Dishonest Privileged Disingenuous	The Inspector  Socialist Omnipotent Mysterious
Eva Smith  Emblematic Vulnerable Principled	

Key Quotations			
"These girls aren't cheap labour, they're people." Sheila		"I was in a state where a chap easily turns nasty" Eric	
"As if we were all mixed together like bees in a hive." Mr Birling		"There are millions and millions of Eva Smiths and John Smiths" Inspector	
"Unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable" Mr Birling		"...then they will taugt it in fire and blood and anguish." Inspector	
"Hard-headed practical man of business" Mr Birling		"Public men, Mr Birling, have responsibilities as well as privileges." Inspector	
Plot summary			
ACT 1 The Birling family celebrate but Inspector Goole arrives and starts questioning them about Eva Smith's death. He interrogates Mr. Birling about his dismissal of Eva from his factory and Sheila about her role in getting Eva fired from Milwards.	ACT 2 The Inspector questions Gerald about his involvement with Eva (now known as Daisy Renton) and Mrs. Birling about her refusal to help Eva when pregnant - exposing their moral failings.	ACT 3 The Inspector then questions Eric's involvement with Eva. Secrets are revealed! Then, the Inspector confronts the family's collective responsibility and mysteriously leaves.	

Model paragraph

8. You should use the extract below and your knowledge of the whole play to answer this question.

Write about the Inspector and how he is important to the play as a whole (40).



Exam information

- You will have one essay to write (worth 40 marks)
- You will have 45 minutes on this section
- You must write about the extract and the wider play
- You should aim for approx. 4 pghs in the main body of the essay
- There will be 5 marks allocated for SPAG

Key themes



Social
Responsibility



Social Class



Older
vs
Younger



Guilt

Key points

The play is set in a fictional Midlands town called Brumley

It is set in 1912 but written in 1945

Key dates: WW1 1914-18 WW2 1939-45

Order of interrogation: Mr Birling, Sheila, Gerald, Mrs Birling and Eric

Chain of events: Mr Birling, Sheila, Gerald, Eric, Mrs Birling
Priestley asks his audience to examine their individual and collective responsibility.