

Character:

## Character File

**Personal Qualities:**

**Known Background:**

**Things s/he says:**

**Things s/he does/Things done to him/her:**

**Things said about him/her:**

**Questions on Phase One**  
**Pages 1-10**

Copy out these sentences. Use the words from the box below to fill each gap. Use each word **once** only.

Germans	congratulates	Edna	Inspector Goole	Arthur	
Cigar	Honours List	Eric	George	together	Lady
Himself	speech	Sheila	Gerald	drinking	ring

1. The Birlings' maid was called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sheila has just become engaged to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sheila's father is called \_\_\_\_\_ Birling.
4. Eric has been \_\_\_\_\_ too much.
5. Sheila's brother is called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Gerald Croft's parents are Sir \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Croft.
7. Mr Birling is pleased because the Crofts will be able to work \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Mrs Birling \_\_\_\_\_ Gerald and Sheila on their engagement.
9. Gerald gives \_\_\_\_\_ an engagement \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Mr Birling makes a long \_\_\_\_\_ to the family.
11. Mr Birling said, "The \_\_\_\_\_ don't want war".
12. Birling offers Gerald a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Birling thinks he might get a knighthood in the next \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
14. Mr Birling says that "a man has to make his own way – has to look after \_\_\_\_\_."
15. Edna tells them that \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ has arrived.

**Who said it in Phase One?**  
**Pages 1 – 10**

**How well do you know the first part of the play? All of these quotations are spoken before the arrival of the inspector. Who said them?**

- 1 They worked us hard in those days and kept us short of cash. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Now, Arthur, I don't think you ought to talk business on an Occasion like this. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Good dinner Sybil. Tell cook from me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Please, sir, an inspector's called. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 When you're married, you'll realise that men with important work to do sometimes have to spend nearly all their time and energy on their business. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 You see, I was Lord Mayor here two years ago when Royalty visited us. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Yes, you've piled it on a bit tonight Father. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Arthur, you're not supposed to say such things. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 What an expression, Sheila! \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 In fact, I insist upon being one of the family now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Just let me finish, Eric. You've a lot to learn yet. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 You'd think a girl never had any clothes before she gets married. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 She comes from an old country family.... \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 ... a man has to mind his own business and look after himself and his own... \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Yes – except for last summer, when you never came near me... \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 You're squiffy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Yes, go on, Mummy. You must drink our health. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 The Germans don't want war. \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions on Phase Two**  
**Pages 10-16**

**Section A**

- 1 Write down **three** things about the inspector. See page 11
- 2 Why does the inspector refuse a drink?
- 3 How long before the arrival of the inspector did Eva Smith die?
- 4 When was Arthur Birling Lord Mayor of Brumley?
- 5 Why does Arthur Birling know the police officers in Brumley?
- 6 How did Eva Smith die?
- 7 What **two** things did Eva Smith leave behind in her room?
- 8 How many women were employed in Birling's works?
- 9 Which part of Birling's factory did Eva Smith work in?
- 10 How long did the strike at Birling's works last?

**Section B**

Write a newspaper report under the headline: **STRIKE AT BIRLING'S IN ITS SECOND WEEK.**

In your report explain the reasons for the strike. Include in your report a quotation from Arthur Birling and a quotation from Eva Smith as organiser and leader of the strike.

**Remember to write in the style of a newspaper reporter.**

**Section C**

Write one page in Eva Smith's diary on the day that Arthur Birling told them they were sacked. Include Eva's feelings and worries.

**Questions on Phase Three**  
**Pages 16-26**

Answer all the questions in full sentences. The first two have been started to show you how.  
Answer all the questions in this way.

1 Who does Arthur Birling sometimes play golf with? (pg 16)

*Arthur Birling sometimes plays golf with* \_\_\_\_\_

2 How old was Eva Smith? (pg 18)

*Eva Smith was* \_\_\_\_\_

3 How long was Eva Smith out of work after Birling sacked her? (pg 19)

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\_\_\_\_\_

4 What was the name of the shop where Eva got a job? (pg 20)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5 When did she start work there? (pg 20)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 Why did Eva Smith lose her job in the shop? (pg 23-24)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7 What did Eva Smith call herself after she left the shop?

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**Questions on Phase Four**  
**Pages 27-40**

Answer all these questions in full sentences

- 1 How did Mrs Birling find out that Eric had been drinking far too much? Who told her? (pg 32)

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- 2 What made the inspector realise that Gerald had known Daisy Renton? (pg 33). Find the place in Act One when he and Sheila realise this.

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- 3 Where did Gerald meet Daisy Renton? (pg 34)

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- 4 Where did Gerald arrange for Daisy to live? (pg 37)

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- 5 Which phrase on page 39 tells us that Daisy Renton really loved Gerald?

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- 6 We know that Gerald was being unfaithful to Sheila. We know that he was having an affair with Daisy Renton. We know that he was making excuses to Sheila – telling her he was too busy at work to see her very often.

**On a separate sheet of paper, write one of the letters that Gerald might have written to Sheila Birling some time between March and September, 1911**

He would probably try and reassure her, tell her he missed and loved her. He would probably make quite convincing excuses for his absence. Make a rough draft first.

**Questions on Phase Five**  
**Pages 40-49**

1 Which of these words or phrases could be used to describe Mrs Birling?

Proud	gentle	sympathetic	understanding	self-centred
Weak	generous	warm	self-satisfied	friendly
Unsympathetic	strong	lacking conscience		self-righteous

2 What was the purpose of the Brumley Women's Charity Organisation? What work did it do?

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3 What did Eva Smith call herself when she went to the committee?

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4 Why did Eva Smith desperately need help from the committee? (pg 45)

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5 The inspector said that Eva Smith needed more than money. What else did he say she needed? You need three words. (pg 45)

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6 Write two or three sentences explaining what Eva Smith told the committee. You need to read page 46 again.

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**Questions on Phase Six**  
**Pages 50-56**

Copy out these sentences. Fill the blank spaces with words from the list below. Use each word only once.

Grandchild	November	baby	threatened	Palace
Refused	worried	pay	committee	marry
Fifty	money	office	father	stolen

1. Eric first met Eva Smith in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Eric met Eva in the \_\_\_\_\_ bar.
3. Eric was drunk an \_\_\_\_\_ to make a row.
4. Eva told Eric that she thought she was going to have a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Eric was very \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
6. Eva did not want Eric to \_\_\_\_\_ her.
7. Eric started to give Eva \_\_\_\_\_ money.
8. Eric gave Eva about \_\_\_\_\_ pounds.
9. He had stolen money from his father's \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Eric said he did mean to \_\_\_\_\_ the money back.
11. Eric said he couldn't go to his \_\_\_\_\_ when he was in trouble.
12. Eva would not take any more stolen \_\_\_\_\_ from Eric
13. Eva asked Mrs Birling's \_\_\_\_\_ for help.
14. They \_\_\_\_\_ to help her.
15. Eric said his mother had killed her \_\_\_\_\_
16. Eric was very angry with his \_\_\_\_\_.



**Questions on Phase Seven**  
**Pages 56-72**

Copy out these sentences. Use the words below to complete them. Use each word once only.

Inspector	late	kill	guilty	money	responsible	suicide	proof
telephoned	Ashamed	sergeant	rude	scandal	infirmary	tongue	blamed
Roberts	Photograph	duty	confess				

- 1 The inspector said it was too \_\_\_\_\_ to help Eva Smith.
- 2 The inspector said, 'We are \_\_\_\_\_ for each other'.
- 3 Mr Birling said he \_\_\_\_\_ Eric for the trouble.
- 4 Mr Birling said there would be a public \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Eric's father said he had to pay the \_\_\_\_\_ back.
- 6 Eric said he was \_\_\_\_\_ of his parents.
- 7 Mrs Birling said the inspector was \_\_\_\_\_ and assertive.
- 8 Sheila said the inspector had made them \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Mrs Birling thought that she had only done her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Gerald said he had asked a police \_\_\_\_\_ about inspector Goole.
- 11 Mr Birling \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Constable.
- 12 The Chief Constable was called Colonel \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 Eric and Sheila still felt \_\_\_\_\_ about what they had done.
- 14 Eric said they had all helped to \_\_\_\_\_ Eva.
- 15 His father told him to hold his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16 Gerald said the inspector might have had more than one \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 Mr Birling said there was no \_\_\_\_\_ that Daisy Renton was really Eva Smith.
- 18 Gerald said that perhaps no one committed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 He rang the \_\_\_\_\_ in Brumley.
- 20 At the end of the play another \_\_\_\_\_ was on his way.

## Eva Smith's Diary

Inspector Goole tells the Birling family that he has found Eva Smith's diary. Write diary entries for the critical periods of Eva's life between 1910 and 1912. Take into account not only the events that are revealed during the play but also Eva's state of mind and her changing moods. Try to imagine Eva as a real person.

The following notes will help you to structure Eva's diary.

**Spring, 1912. The play opens with the Birling family celebrating Sheila's engagement.**

**August 1910**                      Birling's employees return from the summer holidays and ask for a pay rise.

**End of September 1910**      Eva Smith sacked – along with four or five others.

**December, 1910**                Eva Smith started at Milwards.

**End of January, 1911**        Customer complained about Eva.

**Beginning February, 1911**    Eva Smith sacked from Millwards.

**Eva changed her name to Daisy Renton**

**March 1911**                      Gerald meets Daisy Renton. They meet again two nights later. The affair begins.

**September 1911**                The affair with Gerald ends first week of September. Daisy Renton went away to a seaside place for about two months.

**November 1911**                Eric meets Daisy Renton. Meets her a second time two weeks later. Their relationship begins.

**Spring 1912**                      Meeting of the interviewing committee of the Brumley Women's Charity Organisation. Two weeks before the play opens. Daisy Renton dies two hours before the play starts.

### **Notes**

You won't need to make entries for every day of the year. Concentrate your entries around the times of key events. You will need to make up days and dates. A few very short entries may help to link major events and to make your diary coherent.

Don't just tell the story or copy pieces from the play. Vary the length of entries. At the height of the emotion the entries may be fairly long. Write in sentences and avoid a succession of short phrases – make the entries more like the entries in a journal.

Stick to the events indicated in the play. You must reveal that you really do know the play. Finish the diary just before Eva takes her life. Be very careful with this entry.