

“Do Now” Work

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Read your PETER paragraph from yesterday's lesson. Does it include the following:

- A point linked to the question
- Evidence which is embedded into the sentence
- A technical term or subject terminology (e.g. play, character)
- An exploration of the effect of the evidence
- A word which has been analysed in detail
- A link to the play's context (e.g. 1912, 1945, capitalism, socialism)

In Silence Please

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GERALD CROFT

Gerald Croft works at his father's company, Crofts Limited, which is both bigger and older than Birling & Co. He is engaged to be married to Sheila Birling. His parents, Sir George and Lady Croft, are above the Birlings (Mr Birling and Mrs Birling) socially, and it seems his mother disapproves of his engagement to Sheila.

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Read from page 33 - page 40.

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Eva Smith's timeline: 'A CHAIN OF EVENTS'

	January 1911	September 1911	
	Sacked from Milwards	Gerald ends affair. Eva goes away.	
September 1910	March 1911	November 1911 (p39)	April 1912
Sacked from Birling and Co.	Meets Gerald	Returns from seaside	Commits suicide

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1. At the start of the play, he cannot see how he could be involved in Eva Smith's (Daisy Renton's) suicide. 'I don't come into this suicide business.'

What does this suggest about Gerald?

2. He tries to hide the truth from the Inspector (that he had been involved with Eva/Daisy) from the start, ('we can keep it from him') but Sheila criticises this. She noticed how he reacted when he heard the name 'Daisy Renton'.

What does it suggest about Gerald's character that he thinks he can get 'one over' on the Inspector?

3. Gerald met Daisy Renton in the Palace Bar. He rescued her from Alderman Meggarty and felt sorry for her. He kept her as his mistress for a few months but it eventually came to an end. He was aware that Daisy Renton's feelings towards him were stronger than his were towards her.

In what ways can Gerald's actions be seen as stereotypically heroic?

In what ways might they be seen as controlling, manipulative and sexist?

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How does Priestley present **Gerald Croft** in *An Inspector Calls*?

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How does Priestley present **ideas about social class** in *An Inspector Calls*?

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