

## **APPENDICES**

### **SYNOPSIS OF AN INSPECTOR CALLS**

This play, An Inspector Calls tells about the Birling family who is celebrating Sheila Birling's engagement to Gerald Croft, when Inspector Goole suddenly calls, telling about a girl, (Eva Smith) who has committed suicide. This play takes place in 1912, right before World War I in Brumley

The inspector interviews each of the Birling's family members. What is surprising for the reader is that after lots of questions, it turns out that all of them are more or less responsible for the death of this girl. Mr. Birling knows the girl because she was his formal employee, Sheila knows the girl because she fired her from her company and Mrs. Birling knows the girl because she once asked for her help, and both Gerald Croft and Eric Birling knows the girl under a different name, Daisy Renton. What is more surprising for the reader is that Gerald Croft had an affair with the suicide girl and Eric Birling is responsible for the suicide girl's pregnancy. Finally, at the end of the play, after the inspector leaves the house, the Birlings find out that Goole is not an inspector.

## **BIOGRAPHY OF J.B. PRIESTLEY**

John Boynton Priestley was born in 1894 in Bradford, an industrial city in the North of England and died in 1984. He was an “all-round writer” which means he wrote all different sorts of literature. His childhood was all in one a peaceful time in a moderate socialistically atmosphere.

Mostly all of his stories were influenced by the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, where he had been a front-soldier. He often describes the life of simple people by turning it dramatically into an ethical and political position.

After this experience, he went to Cambridge studying history, politics and literature. In 1929, he made a breakthrough with his novel, The Good Companions. In An Inspectors Calls (written right after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War 1945), he shows his attitude towards human socialism. His work show typical criticism towards all antisocial attitudes, such as greed and inconsiderate power struggle.

Source :

“ EN: Priestley – An Inspector Calls “