WEEK 7

Science, religion and bourgeois society

Pastor

* Extreme faith in religion
* Books- science that apposes religion
* Close minded- threatening his religious views
* Shouldn’t ensure the house- people will think he’s not faithful, being pre-hypercritical, wanting to appear more religious to other people.
* Important in his belief- different scopes of Christianity, he’s very rigid in his belief.
* Nobodies allowed to accept happiness in real life- yet husband is allowed because he was unhappy, double standards for wife.
* Restriction vs freedom
* Oswald vs Pastor- can’t be married then can’t have sex
* Oswald life in Paris not as truthful as it seems vs. his parents creating his surroundings- only sort of decent character in the play. Inherited from father or made up some other theory eg. From overworking, stress.
* Similar traits to father- likes drinking, sexual temptations
* Who set fire to the orphanage?
* Enstrand not very charitable- wants to hire Regina but says it’s for the protection for sailorman.
* Very mundane reasons to setting up orphanage/ place for sailormen- wants the rumors of his husband’s infidelity to be silenced. Doesn’t want Oswald to inherit the money
* ‘fallen men’, ‘fallen women’-

Group 2- Inheritance and the sins of the father

* Whose fault? - sends him away to protect from her son, what other options did she have? Partly pastors’ fault as he didn’t listen
* Pastor is the strongest candidate

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* Sickness- characters self-absorbed, blind to their actions
* Everything is hereditary?

**Group 3**

* **Loth intoxicated as well? -** which illness is it, societal question,
* **Genetics- wants to be leader of world revolution therefore passed on to his children.**
* Loth extreme example of a naturalist.

**Social critique- Ghosts: inherited beliefs and rules and bigoted views of the world. Struggle in post industrialized time, traditional rules no longer work. Indicative of progressive ideas- society not set up to support that in terms of mental ideas. Lead by a small group. There are contradictions and resolutions.**