Characters in ‘An Inspector Calls’

Arthur Birling

‘hard-headed practical man of business’ – he considers himself successful. He is arrogant/egotistical.

‘I’m talking too much’ – he likes to dominate the conversations and has self confidence.

Mr Birling likes to prove his status because he is insecure and materialistic. He is a self-aggrandising man.

On the first line of the play, Mr Birling says, ‘Giving us the port, Edna?’ port is an expensive wine and shows status in that time

He also offers Gerald a cigar, “I like a good cigar. (indicating decanter.) Help yourself”

Sybil Birling

Sheila Birling

Eric Birling

Gerald Croft

Inspector Goole