

Act 2 An Inspector Calls

Overview

- (Eric is absent for this whole scene)
- **Gerald admits to his affair with Eva** (she introduced herself to him as Daisy Renton). He met her at **the Palace bar** (hinted to be a place of prostitution). Over the summer, him and Daisy had an affair, but Gerald ended it – he gave her money, so she had enough until the end of the year.
- **Sheila returns the engagement ring.**
- Mrs Birling is now questioned, and then it was revealed that **Mrs Birling, head of a charity, turned away a girl who was pregnant and desperate** – this was Eva Smith.
- She tells Eva that the father of the child is responsible. During her investigation, **she remains ignorant and has no remorse** for Eva's suicide, continuing to support that it is the **father of the child's responsibility**.

Name	Action/Plot
Mr Birling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Becomes intolerant to the Inspector and suggests reporting him -Justifies his and Mrs Birling's actions to Sheila and Eric <p>(look at the Act 2 Mr Birling lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
Mrs Birling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mrs Birling is investigated and it is revealed that she denied Eva Smith (came to her pretending to be called Mrs Birling) help from her women's organisation -She claims it was the father's responsibility to look after Eva as she was pregnant, not hers -She shows her classism towards Eva and the lower classes -She accepts "no blame" <p>(look at the Act 2 Mrs Birling lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>

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Sheila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -She openly condemns Gerald for his affair -She is also critical of Mrs Birling's actions towards Eva and her cruel dismissal of her -She doesn't deflect her responsibility, instead accepts it and learns from her mistakes <p>(look at the Act 2 Sheila lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
Eric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Absent <p>(look at the Act 2 Eric lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
Gerald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He admits his affair with Eva/ Daisy over the summer -He acknowledges that he didn't feel for her as she did for him -He shows small glimpses of remorse -He leaves at the end of Act 2 as he doesn't want to listen to the interrogation any further <p>(look at the Act 2 Gerald lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
The Inspector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He reveals Gerald's affair and how she was his mistress -Tries to make Mr and Mrs Birling feel some sense of remorse and regret -He ridicules Mrs Birling's ignorance to her own son's immorality <p>(look at the Act 2 Inspector lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>