**An Inspector Calls**

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| **Quote** | **Who** | **Meaning**  |
| **B: “Well-bred young man about the town”** | Gerald Croft at the start  | He is respected, looked up, part of the aristocracy, well known. Arrogant and entitled.Marries for advantage. |
| **E: “Everything’s all right now”** | Gerald Croft at the end  | At the end – Gerald accepts no responsibility – still arrogant. Cannot see how his actions have had an impact, wants to ignore it all and continue as before |
| **S: Pretty girl, please with life and rather excited” “Mummy”** | Sheila at the start | She is naive, silly, childish and pleased by simple things and money. Excited to be married for status, not responsible and selfish |
| **S:** you’re acting like nothing happened’ | Sheila at the end has changed | She accepts responsibility for her actions, she is no longer selfish, she realises her advantage as a middle class person, she is no longer childish, she understands all people should be treated with respect |
| **E: ‘Why shouldn’t they try for higher wages?’** | Eric at the start  | Eric from the start is more understanding about the position of people in the lower classes. He sees them as people who have rights  |
| **E: “you’re letting yourself out nicely. I can’t”** | Eric at the end  | Eric feels responsible for the death of Eva and his child. He cannot understand how his parents are willing to ignore that it happened |
| **Mr B: “hard-headed man of business” / “unsinkable”** | Mr Birling at the start | He is arrogant, self-assured, thinks he is always right, unlikeable, thinks he is a good businessman and has no thought for his workers. Only concerned about his own status and nobody else. |
| **Mr B: “The famous younger generation who know it all. They can’t even take a joke” / “a fake”** | Mr Birling at the end | Mr Birling – when realisation the Inspector is not real – refuses to take any responsibility. The lesson the inspector was trying to teach him is ignored. He mocks his children and things it is all a joke as he not care for anyone below him socially. |
| **Mrs B: “cold” / “you’re not supposed to say such things”** | Mrs Birling at the beginning | She is cold, she is only concerned with her status and what people think about her and her family. She is selfish and arrogant |
| **Mrs B: “She’ll be as amused as we are”** | Mrs Birling at the end | She is amused at the end and has learnt nothing from the inspector. She accepts no responsibility and thinks the whole thing is amusing and a big joke |
| **I: “Purposefulness” “Better to ask for the Earth than take it”** | Inspector at the start | He is ‘purposeful’ and business like. He is forthright and moral and wants the family to see how their actions affect others, He wants them to see they are selfish and not take things for granted |
| **I: “millions of Eva Smiths” “fire blood and anguish”** | Inspector at the end | The inspector is showing how we all have a responsibility to each other – we should have social equality and thought and consideration for fellow humans. He is saying if we do not learn how to be respectful – we will learn the hard way with being judged ‘fire’ = hell, ‘blood’ = war and death and ‘anguish’ – emotional pain and regret. |