Essay Focus:

How does Priestley present the concept of social responsibility throughout the play?

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- What does he say about the theme or character?
- Where is it seen?

. Uses Mrs Birling, in particular, to highlight the immoral and inhumane behaviour of Capitalists. , Uses Mrand Mrs Main message: Doit! Birling to show the Uses Sheila and outdated mentality Fric to suggest of Capitalists. younger generations What. are more inclined The idea that we have to be Part of Priestley's socially a moral duty to look responsible belief in after others. by nature Socidlism Upper classes have a Uses his final speech to responsibility to care for emphasise how many are affected by the lack of social -the moor vulnerable Social responsibility. Warns if elements in society (poor). Responsibility we don't change, we'll be ferced to. Our lives are connected Encourages social to those around us responsibility through whether we realise it the Inspector or not. Gives Eva (and others · Priestley encourages Like her) a voice. Exposes Shows social social responsibility responsibility the self-centred nature through Sheila. of Capitalists and the posibively as he is adde to get some dangers of ignorance Shows her characters to These girls change as aren't theap accept responsibility Makes being positive. labour, they're the audience and change sympathetic people'. (younger opneration) tawards her. She encourages the appear

classes to view the poor as follow humans not disposable

property.

Knowledge Nugget

Social responsibility is a key theme in An Inspector Calls. The play highlights how people's actions affect others around them and how society is connected even though we may not notice it—this can be seen in the Inspector's reference to a 'chain of events' when relaying what caused Eva's death. The play suggests that everyone has a duty to help improve the world around them or at the very least, not cause harm to it. The Inspector encourages the characters to face their mistakes and think about the impact of their behaviour; this is seen as social responsibility as he is holding each of them to account for the choices that they have made. He challenges their selfish attitudes and promotes the idea that we should care for others (ignorance to the plight of others is not excusable). Through this, Priestley criticises the belief in individualism (closely linked to Capitalism) and supports a more collective, caring approach to society (largely through Socialist beliefs). In the final lines, the Inspector warns that if people don't learn to take responsibility, serious consequences will follow

Exam Questions/Initial Ideas

How does Priestley present the idea of social responsibility throughout the play?

How does Priestley promote the concept of social responsibility in the play?

How is the theme of social responsibility important to the play as a whole?

The Inspector says, 'We are all members of one body. We are responsible for each other.' How does Priestley show that looking after each other is important throughout the play?

The easiest way to approach a theme question is through the characters. Use the order in which they appear as your chronology.

Introduction	· Priestley uses AIC to promote the idea of social
What is your	responsibility.
overall answer to	· Chlicising Capitalists as selfish an ignorant.
the question based	Shows the bone lite of bacons in a source socially incommended
on the whole text.	of hours the benefits of becoming more sources for some
What is the general answer or your line	Shows the benefits of becoming more socially responsible through younger generation and the consequences of not through the
of argument?	Inspectar is the mouthpiece promoting social responsibility
Main Idea 1	
	Mr BIRLING.
Approach your ideas in	- Constructed to criticise Capitalism and individualist ideas. Snows him to be foolish and wrong/clearly contrasts the sympathetic presentation of Shoula
chronological order	Shows him to be foolish and wrong/clearly contracts the
covering the	sumpattietic presentation of Sheila
beginning, middle	-Contrast social responsibility a man has to look after
and end of the play.	-Constast social responsitional
	himself.
Try to support each	-Defends fining Fra (despite what happens)-looks cruel. Fails to take responsibility.
ideas with 2-4	Fails to take responsibility.
quotes. Analyse	-As the Inspector promotes the ideology, Mr B makes hun
language in at least	-As the Inspector promotes the ideology, Mr B makes fun of it: 'community and all that nonsense'.
one per section.	-Mrs B mirrors his beliefs / behaviour but amplifies the
Main idea 2	
	SHEILA.
	-Shows an early understanding of social responsibility. 'these guils aren't cheap labour!
	'these guils aren't cheap labout'.
	Litable drain as sollish and lacker awareness of the
	world: druidely becomes a 'second Inspector' shound
	world: quickly becomes a 'second Inspector' showing benefits of social responsibility -> hope for the future.
	Quick to accept responsibility but chicially wants to
14 : :1 0	Correct them merce sure she doesn't repeat them
Main idea 3	INSPECTOR L'doit again
	- Promotes social responsibility and, more midely,
	Clives ville so like
	-Moral enforcer towards Birlings - exposing their mistakes
	and true nature.
	- 'Chain of overts' - shows social responsibility goes beyond
	- 'chain of events' - shows social responsibility goes beyond moterial things it is about being responsible for your words
Main idea 4	and actions.
Mulli lueu 4	FUA SOLITH
	-Represents the consequences of having a society without social responsibility
	without social cosmows in Little
	William South 1 25 porter 100000
	- See the consequences through all parts of her journey
	but particularly when Mrs B's chanty denies her help
	but particularly when Mrs B's chainty denies her help (quite harrowing for the audience) highlighting how society
	has failed due to wealthy epp She is one of many suffering.
Conclusion	
	There are millions suffering unjustly like Eva but, file
Authorial intent and key message.	act now, we can save some.
Rey message.	a Captalism anatos movally amount assisting and aireann
	"Capitalism creates morally comment societys and citizens with little respect for human life.
	Mth utile respect for human life.
I	· Social responsibility - Do It!

Indicative of the selfish nature of Capitalists Mr Birling 'A man has to make his own way-has to look after himself.' Highlights individualism Only references family later. Inspector Gode. We never know the role we play in the lives of others.

What happened to her then may have determined what happened to her afterwards, and what happened to her All Inspector Gode. afterwards may have driven her to suicide. A chain of events. * We need to be socially aware and responsible with our words and actions. Can not escape the fact that we are inter-connected as a society 'We have to share something. If there's nothing else, we'll have to share our guilt.' If we can't Society should be Whenour behaviour lean to based on sharing: (knowingly or share these resources, respect, things (Capitalism/ otherwise) Kindness etc causes tragedues Individualism) 'We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other.' We are all humans. We have a moral duty to actively We all compose a not houm other Society (metaphor) (throughour choices) "If men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish." Metaphorforwar.

Triple to emphasise homors. Imperative (no longer a Using post-war fatigue to nictivate dudiento

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