**An Inspector Calls: Key Quotations**

**Mr Birling**

1. ‘Portentous… rather provincial in his speech.’
2. ‘I speak as a hard-headed business man’
3. ‘A man has to make his own way – has to look after himself – and his family too, of course.’
4. ‘But the way some of these cranks talk and write now, you’d think everybody has to look after everybody else.’
5. ‘The girl had been causing trouble in the works. I was quite justified.’
6. ‘There you are! Proof positive. The whole story is just a lot of moonshine.’

**The Inspector**

1. ‘pink and intimate’ to ‘brighter and harder’
2. ‘sharp ring of the doorbell’
3. ‘She was here alone, friendless, almost penniless, desperate…And you slammed the door in her face.’
4. ‘…just used her for the end of a stupid drunken evening, as if she was an animal, a thing, not a person.’
5. ‘We don’t live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for one another.’
6. ‘If men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish.’

**Week 4: Sheila**

1. ‘a pretty girl in her early twenties, very pleased with life and rather excited’
2. ‘Is it the one you wanted me to have?’
3. ‘but these girls aren’t cheap labour – they’re people.’
4. 'I know I’m to blame – and I’m desperately sorry.’
5. 'Between us we drove that girl to commit suicide.'
6. ‘And it frightens me the way you talk'

**Week 5: Mrs Birling**

1. ‘A rather cold woman’
2. ‘You know of course my husband was Lord Mayor only two years ago…’
3. ‘Girls of that class’
4. ‘she was claiming elaborate fine feelings and scruples that were simply absurd of a girl in her position.’
5. ‘… you slammed the door in her face’ (Inspector to Mrs Birling)
6. ‘I did nothing I’m ashamed of.’

**Week 6: Eric**

1. ‘half-shy, half- assertive’
2. ‘suddenly guffaws’
3. I threatened to make a row… I was in a state when a chap easily turns nasty.
4. ‘…used her like an animal, a thing, not a person.’
5. ‘You’re beginning to pretend as if nothings really happened at all. And I can’t see it like that.’
6. ‘We all helped to kill her.’

**Week 7: Gerald**

1. ‘…a handsome, well-bred man about town.’
2. ‘Young, fresh and charming.’
3. ‘I insisted on Daisy moving into these rooms and I made her take some money.’
4. ‘You were the wonderful Fairy Prince. You must have adored it, Gerald.’
5. ‘All right – I did for a time. Nearly any man would have done.’
6. ‘He looks round triumphantly at them.’