



An Inspector Calls – Context and Background

Eva Smith – Dear Diary

In this activity, imagine that you are Eva Smith and that you keep a journal or diary of what happens to you. Writing as Eva, in the first person, complete at least five entries for her journal in 1912, describing her encounters with each of the Birlings and Gerald Croft.

Your entries should include the following events:

- approaching Mr Birling for a pay rise and losing her job
- meeting Sheila in the dress shop and losing your job
- ending the relationship with Gerald
- ending the relationship with Eric
- asking Mrs Birling and her committee for help

Precise days of the week and month are up to you to decide. You are aiming to give Eva's account of the misfortunes that lead to her death. Look back at the play to find out what happened, but also imagine how Eva might have felt.

Obviously, all of the events relating to any single character would not all happen in one day. However, Eva can reflect on the whole relationship in one entry, or if you like you can write extra entries.

Each entry must:

- be written in first person, from Eva's perspective
- be at least 200 words long
- use language choices that match what you know about the play's setting and tone, and what you can infer about Eva's character

Each entry should include:

- what happens between Eva and each member of the family
- the effect the events have on Eva's life
- Eva's comments on how she feels about the events and the other person

