



# An Inspector Calls – Context and Background

## Suggested Responses

### Comprehension Questions

1. The play is set in 1912, just before the First World War.
2. The play was written in 1945, towards the end of the Second World War.
3. long hours, cramped, dangerous working conditions and low pay
4. pollution and overcrowding
5. not allowed to vote, lower pay than men, fewer rights in marriage, the threat of poverty and social exclusion if they became pregnant outside marriage
6. women won the right to vote
7. Priestley worked as a clerk in a factory
8. it founded the welfare state, with free education and healthcare for all
9. Answers may vary – Priestley's social ideals: an equal society, no class barriers, worker's rights and women's rights, fair pay, free education and healthcare, and a welfare state paid for by taxing wealthier people.

**Eva Smith – Dear Diary** – answers will vary  
**Transcript** – for teacher and student use

