

Henrik Ibsen “A Dolls House”

Discussion Handout

Please use specific details and page numbers from the text.

ACT 1 & 2

- 1) Please discuss the general movement and action of the play. Also, please describe each of the characters and the roles they play.
- 2) How does Helmer treat Nora and what kind of language does he use when speaking to her?
- 3) In the first two acts, how does Nora respond to and see her husband? How does Nora see herself?
- 4) Describe the relationship between Nora and Mrs. Linde. How are their circumstances similar and how are they different?
- 5) Describe the conversations between Nora and Krogstad. What do they talk about? Why?
- 6) Describe the conversations between Nora and Dr. Rank. What do they talk about? Why?

ACT 3

- 7) What brings the play to its dramatic crescendo and denouement in Act 3 (please look these words up if you do not know their meaning)?
- 8) How has Nora’s perception about herself and her role as wife and mother changed? What is her perception of herself by the end of Act 3?
- 9) How has Nora and Helmer’s relationship changed by Act 3? What does Nora tell Helmer and what is Nora preparing to do?