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A Doll's House:
Act I Reading Guide

I. Vocabulary: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

spendthrift: someone who wastes money

prodigal: wasteful, especially with money

confectioner: someone who makes or sells candy

berth: job; position

steadfast: firm; unwavering

inane: silly; completely stupid

II. Questions: answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

1. What does Nora tell Helene to do with the Christmas tree?
2. This is the first Christmas that Nora and Torvald haven't had to do what?
3. What does Torvald say they should never do?
4. What two animals does Torvald compare Nora to?
5. What does Nora tell Torvald she wants from him for Christmas?
6. Where does Torvald suspect Nora has been?
7. What does Nora say she would never think of doing?
8. What did Nora do for three weeks before Christmas last year?
9. What is Torvald's opinion of last year's effort by Nora?

10. How long ago was it last time Nora and Kristine saw each other?
11. What happened to Kristine three years ago?
12. What did Nora and Torvald do after Nora's father died?
13. What question does Nora ask Kristine Linde that might not be the most appropriate question?
14. What selfish thought did Kristine have when she heard that Torvald had a new job?
15. What does Kristine say that causes Nora did get upset?
16. What does Nora say she has to be proud of?
17. Why couldn't Nora use funds from her house allowance?
18. Besides saving money from her clothes purchases, what was another way Nora figured out how to earn money?
19. From Nora and Kristine's conversation, what do we learn about Mr. Krogstad?
20. What does Kristine tell Dr. Rank she is in town for?
21. What is Dr. Rank's opinion of Mr. Krogstad?
22. Why does Nora laugh? What idea strikes her?
23. What does Nora desire to say to Torvald?
24. What does Mr. Krogstad say will be up to Nora?
25. What does Krogstad find "curious"?
26. Why must the laws be "very poor"?

27. What does Krogstad say is going to happen to Nora if he gets pushed down again?

28. What does Torvald think happened while he was gone?

29. What does Nora ask Torvald to do for her?

30. What does Torvald argue that almost anyone who has gone bad has what?

31. Why does Torvald not want to work with Krogstad?