

Henrik Ibsen

- Henrik John Ibsen
- Life span - 1828 to 1906
- He was a Norwegian writer and Playwright
- He is referred as "the father of realism" and one of the founders of modernism in theatre
- Famous works : A Doll's house
Ghosts
Hedda Gabler
Peer Gynt

A Doll's House

- Puphejmo, Et dukkehjem in Norwegian
- A translated work
- 3 Act play

• First premiered at the Royal Theatre in Denmark on 21 December 1879

• setting - During 1879 in circa, a Norwegian town.

characters

- Nora Helmer - wife of Torvald
- Torvald Helmer - Nora's Husband
- Dr. Rank - family friend of Torvald
- Kristine Linde - Nora's school friend, a widow
- Nils Krogstad - an employee in Torvald's bank
- Ivar, Bobby, Emmy - The children of Torvald and Nora

Act - 1

- Doll's house play opens in Christmas Eve

• Nora brings so many things for Christmas.

- Torvald scolds Nora for spending more money
- Torvald works in the bank
- Dr. Rank comes to Helmers house because he is the intimate friend of Helmers.
- After that, unknown person comes who is Kristine Linde who was

the old school friend of Nora

- Mrs. Linde is widow
- Nora shares her family situation to Linde and Linde shares her bad situation to nora.
- Torvald got sick and they went to Italy.
- Linde asks Nora to get job to her through her influence.
- Nora share her secret that she got debt for Torvald's welfare.
- Krogstad comes to Helmers house who is working in the bank with Torvald.
- Torvald tells Krogstad that he is going to appoint Mrs. Linde.
- Krogstad asks Nora not to replace him in that bank and he asks her to say to her husband Torvald otherwise he is going to file a case.
- Nora asks Torvald not to replace Krogstad but he doesn't listen to her because he doesn't like Krogstad's attitude.

Act 2. Nora is sitting alone in their living room.

Mrs. Linde arrives and helps her see the costumes because Nora going to participate in fancy dress competition.

• Dr. Rank says that he is moving nearer to his death.

• Nora convinces Dr. Rank and he flies.

• Krøgstad arrives and says to Nora that he wants higher position in bank.

• Nora reveals her secret ^{to} Mrs. Linde.

• Nora dances violently and Torvald doesn't like her dance.

• Nora gets promise not to open that letter box until she completes her fancy dress competition.

Act 3

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- Mrs. Linde and Kongstad meets and they are speaking about their past life
- Mrs. Linde asks that she is going to be a mother of Kongstad's children.
- Torvald reads that letter and he gets angry. Torvald scolds Nora that she is liar.
- Finally Torvald convinces him but Nora gets angry she leaves from his home.