

Henrik Ibsen.

Introduction to the life and work of the controversial and influential Norwegian playwright, Henrik Ibsen. Provides an overview of Ibsen's theatrical development from his early historical plays and epic verse dramas to the radically realistic social plays of his final decades. By approaching the content and form of *A Doll's House* from various angles and by analyzing the critical reactions to this and other plays, an appreciation of Ibsen's significant achievement is developed.

## **Ibsenites**

Acknowledged Henrik Ibsen as the champion of, and spokesman for all progressive social issues, a fighter for female emancipation - and a socialist

Lovers of prurience and dabblers in impropriety who are eager to gratify their illicit tastes under the pretence of art...

The socialistic and the sexless... The unwomanly woman... Effeminate men... Educated & muck-ferretting dogs.





## Ibsenphobes

Identified Ibsen as a manifestation of contemporary evil & corruption, a sexual degenerate, an advocate of free love, of votes for woman – and a socialist.

A crazy fanatic and determined Socialist...

Ugly, nasty, discordant... A gloomy sort of ghoul bent on Groping for horrors by night...



## **SAMPLE SLIDES**

The Ibsen Issue

