

Sample of Introduction Paragraph

In the play A Doll House by Henrik Ibsen, the convention of marriage is examined and questioned for its lack of honesty. The play is set in the late 1800s, which provides the backdrop for the debate about roles of people in society. Ibsen uses the minor character, Dr. Rank, to help develop the theme of conflicts within society. This, in turn, creates connections with the plot. Dr. Rank's function in the play is to foreshadow, symbolize, and reflect upon the truth of life and society and to break down the barrier between appearance and reality.

Checklist

_____ Title (underlined)

_____ Author

_____ Topic Sentence

_____ Some Background of the plot

_____ Any other important information (lit. terms)

_____ Your thesis