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Honors English 12

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Period ____

A Doll's House

Anticipation Guide

Enduring Understandings:

- ★ A reader's interpretation is influenced by the interaction between the reader and prior knowledge and the text.
- ★ Effective readers comprehend text by reading fluently, accurately, strategically, and critically.
- ★ Effective readers strengthen comprehension by making intentional, meaningful connections with text

As we read, look for the following connections to the story:

True or False?

_____ Society is /used to be dominated by men.

_____ A man's conscience is /was different from a woman's.

_____ Females and males do /used to respond differently to authority.

_____ Marriage is /was more confining for men than women.

_____ You should be true to yourself no matter what.

_____ Women aren't /didn't used to be allowed to develop their talents.

_____ A crime is a crime, regardless of why it is committed.

Pre-Reading Discussion:

1. **Role of Women:** What rights have women won during the last 50 years? The last 100 years? How has the status of women changed? For what rights are women still fighting?
2. **Marriage and Family:** Why do people marry? Can a loveless marriage ever "work"? What would be your criteria for a good marriage? An unhealthy one? How should decisions be made, in a marriage – or a boyfriend / girlfriend relationship? By whom? Once married, what should a person's commitment be to his or her family? What are "family responsibilities"?
3. **Self-Actualization:** What are some words and phrases we use to convey the idea of self-actualization? How do you figure out "who you are" and what you want to be? How would you describe your "ideal self"? What stands in the way of your goals? When do you feel trapped, helpless, bored, etc.? What helps you reach your goals?
4. **Control:** When do you find yourself trying to control other people? When have others tried to control you? How important is it to you to be able to control other people? How much do you control your own life? Do most things happen to you – or do you make them happen? When something goes wrong – is it usually your fault or someone else's? What does it mean to "take control of your life"? Can you be cooperative – without allowing yourself to be manipulated? When should you do what someone else tells you – and when should you act on your own?