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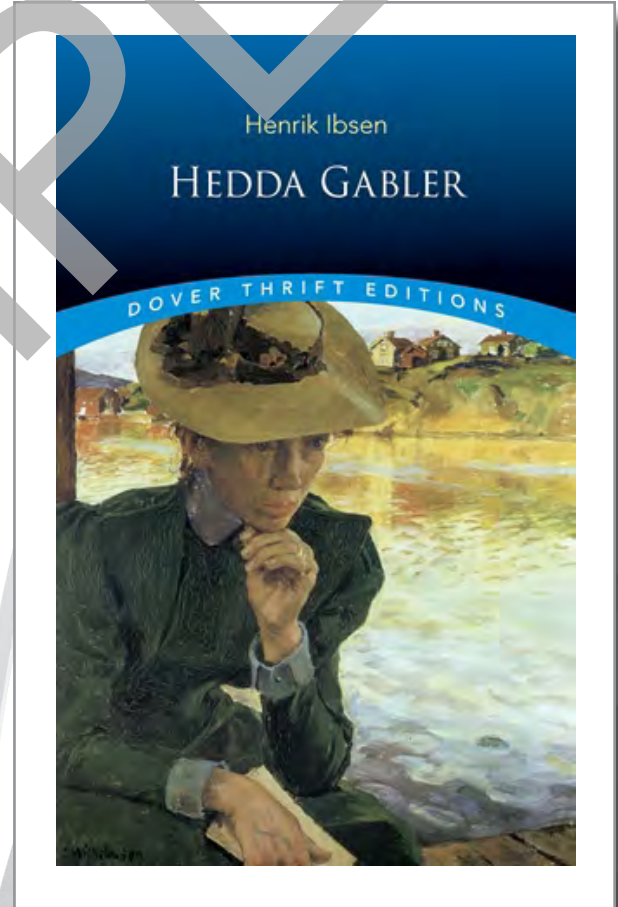
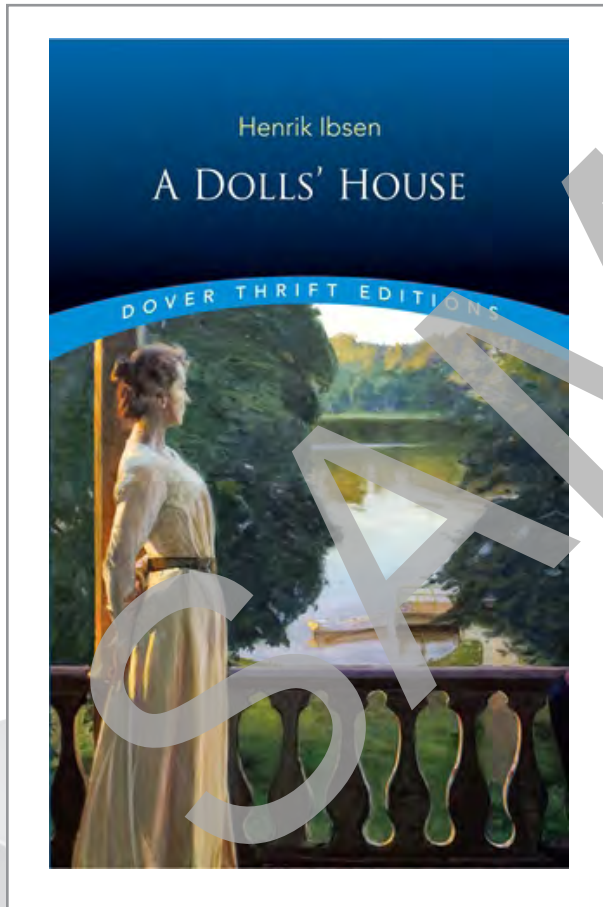
GRADES 9-12

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READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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Name _____

Directions: Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the play at home or in class. Use the questions for review before group discussions, quizzes, and tests.

* = thought question, no right or wrong answer

** = prediction, no right or wrong answer

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Act One, pages 1-34

1. At what time of year does the story take place?
2. Why does Torvald scold Nora?
3. What promotion has Torvald received?
4. Why has Mrs. Linde come to see Hedda?
5. Why did Nora obtain a loan?
6. Why is Nora keeping the loan secret?
7. Why does Krogstad come to see Nora?
8. How was Krogstad's reputation destroyed?
- *9. How would Torvald react if Nora told him about the loan?
- **10. Will Krogstad keep his job—or expose Nora?

Act Two, pages 35-61

1. Why is Nora keeping away from her children?
2. Which character is seriously ill?
3. What is in the letter Helmer sends Krogstad?
4. What does Dr. Rank tell Nora about his visiting card?
5. Dr. Rank reveals that he is in love with whom?
6. Mrs. Linde reveals that who used to be in love with her?
7. Why doesn't Nora want Torvald to open the letter box?
8. What does Nora perform for Torvald, to distract him?
- *9. How does Nora probably feel about Dr. Rank?
- **10. What will Krogstad and Mrs. Linde say to each other?

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Directions: An analogy is a comparison:

NO is to YES as OFF is to ON.
HILL is to MOUNTAIN as STREAM is to RIVER.

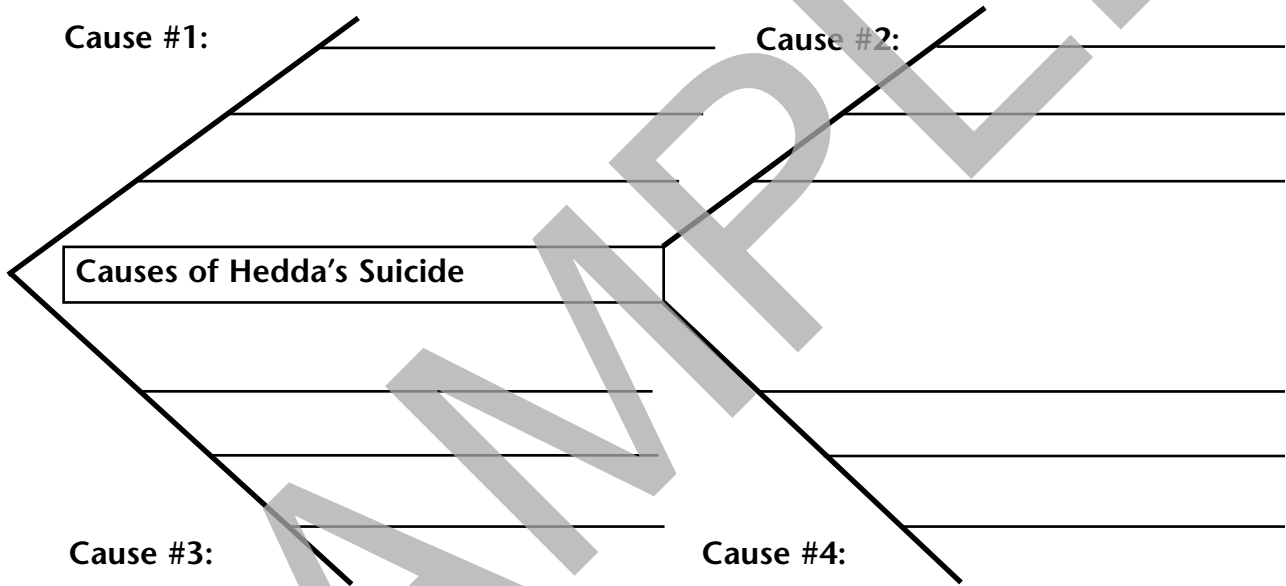
- I. Use a word from the vocabulary box to complete each analogy. (The SAT and PSAT tests both contain analogies. The exercise that follows will give you practice on that type of item.)
- II. On the back of this paper, include the ten vocabulary words in ten sentences you write about the story.

obstinacy 41	susceptible 42	petty 43	tarantella 44
transfixed 44	bankrupt 45	disintegration 45	retribution 45
subaltern 46	pâté de foie gras 46	truffles 46	successor 47
amicably 52	magnanimous 64	capricious 67	masquerades 72
uncanny 74	spasmodically 75	paltry 75	hypocrite 75
squalid 75	appeasing 76	composure 83	forfeited 84

1. POLKA is to PIEROGI as _____ is to PASTA.
2. CAVIAR is to HOT DOGS as _____ is to BURGERS.
3. FULL is to EMPTY as OPULENT is to _____.
4. FORGIVENESS is to ABSOLUTION as REVENGE is to _____.
5. BULL-HEADED is to COWED as _____ is to INTIMIDATION.
6. CHARLATAN is to DECEIVER as _____ is to PRETENDER.
7. DECENT is to CLEAN as SORDID is to _____.
8. KEEP is to GIVE as PARSIMONIOUS is to _____.

Project: Using details from Hedda Gabler, explain why Hedda killed herself.

1. On the "fishbone" graphic organizer below, jot down at least four causes. In each case, list at least two details to illustrate each cause. (e.g., "Boredom: Hedda complained that she would have nothing to do in the evenings now that her husband was reconstructing the manuscript.")



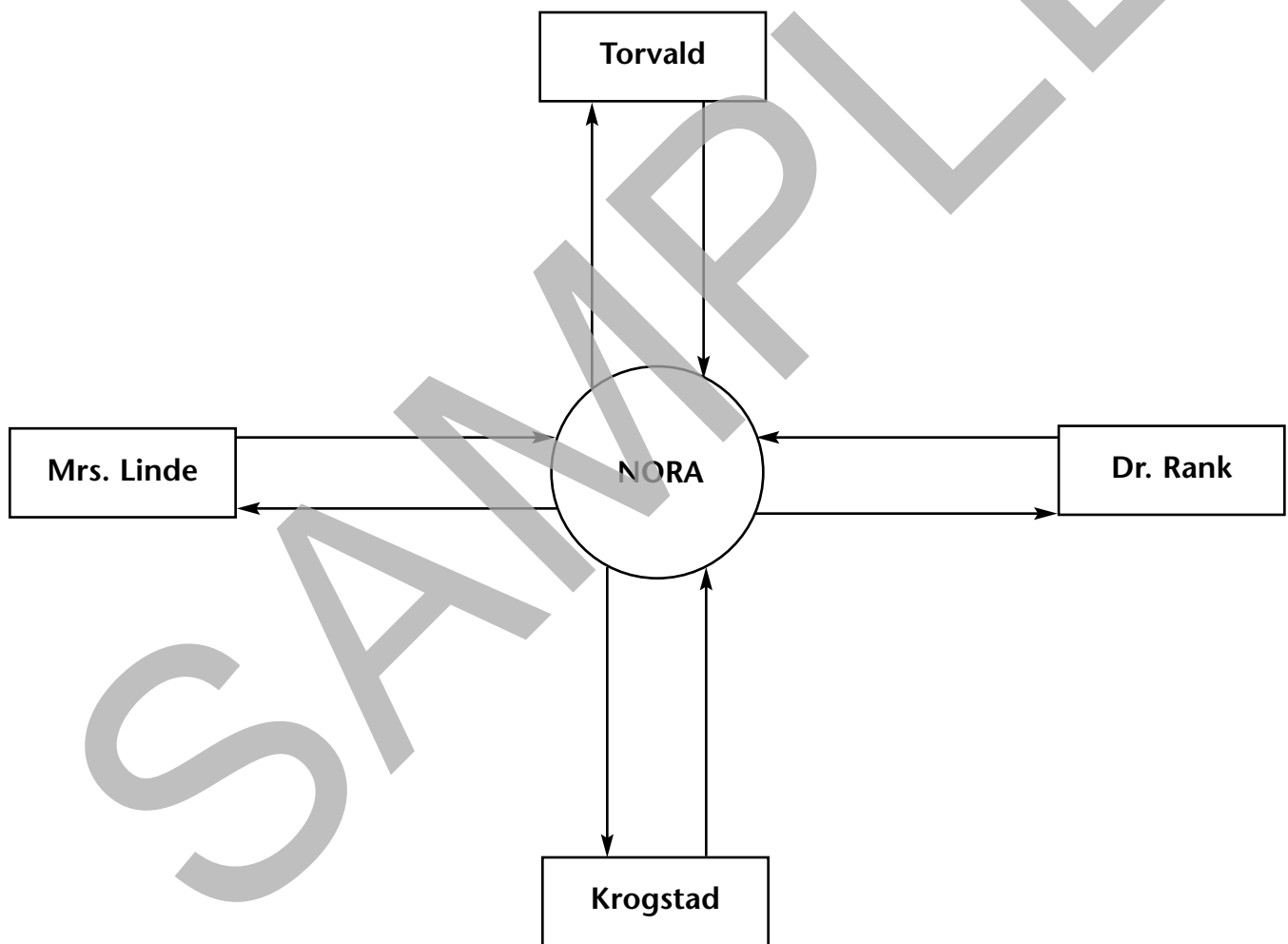
2. Use your notes to:

- a) present a short oral report on Hedda's suicide
- b) write Hedda's suicide note
- c) write a letter of advice to Hedda

Name _____

Directions

1. In a small group, talk about Nora's relationships with the following people: Torvald, Dr. Rank, Krogstad, Mrs. Linde.
2. Act out some short scenes from the play that show how Nora got along with each of the other four characters.
3. Then label each arrow on the "sociogram" below with a brief description of the relationship.



Repeat this activity for HEDDA with Jørgen, Mrs. Elvsted, Mr. Brack, and Ejlert.