

Themes; class Division
19th century Europe was a place where divisions between the classes were becoming sharper and more damaging all the time. Industrialization and a widening wage gap gave rise to a socialist movement determined to protect members of the working class from exploitation. Shaw shows the difference between high class represented by Major Petkoff and his family and the appearance of Catherine, the electrical bell, the library, the house, even Raina's room and the poor class through the servant (Nicola and Louka). Being a socialist and activist, Shaw seeks to undermine the significance of class divisions in his play.