

Item/Concept/Idea/Image	Examples/Quotes/Uses in the Text (Note Act & Page Number(s), Speaker(s), or Stage Directions (s.d.)—Highlight in your text)	Interpretations & Conclusions
The Christmas Tree		
The Tarantella		
Lighting		
Dress/Nora's Dress		
The House as a Dollhouse		

## Death and Suicide

There are times in the play when Nora considers killing herself—and yet, the word “suicide” or “killing myself” are never used. The topic is discussed without being named. For example, at the beginning of Act II, pages 29-30:

Nurse. You see, they are so accustomed to have their mamma with them.

Nora. Yes, but, nurse, I shall not be able to be so much with them now as I was before.

Nurse. Oh well, young children easily get accustomed to anything.

Nora. Do you think so? Do you think they would forget their mother if she went away altogether?

Nurse. Good heavens, went away altogether?

Nora. Nurse, I want you to tell me something I have often wondered about—how could you have the heart to put your own child out among strangers?

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Nora. And if my little ones had no mother, I am sure you would—What nonsense I am talking!

Your job is to find other references to Nora (and Dr. Rank and Krogstad) talking about the idea of committing suicide.

- Underline all the examples you find in your text.
- Re-read them all.
- Develop a presentation to the class in which you present your information for others to underline and consider.
  - How closely does Nora come to killing herself?
  - Why doesn't she do it?
  - Why didn't Krogstad kill himself when he was in despair or disgrace?
  - What are Dr. Rank's thoughts about death, and what death means?