

Poor Little Rich Girl Intertitle Notes
(Numbers listed refer to the intertitle numbers)

- 1) Due to Mary Pickford's fame, her name is larger than and above the film title.
- 2) Frances Marion wrote many of Pickford's most famous and memorable silent films as well as many other great pictures of the 1920s and 1930s.

Skip to...

- 5) and 6) and 7) The main problem...a rich little girl with parents who have no time for her and leave her with tyrannical servants.

TYRANTS...a person of authority who uses power unjustly
DISPOSITION...state of mind

Skip to...

- 11) **GRIM...rigid and cruel**

Skip to...

- 19) Tell students: ***You'll see this plumber roll tobacco into a cigarette. Smoking was treated much more casually on film in 1917, as the health risks were not yet known.***

Skip to...

- 20) **Dialect:** de = the
fer = for
feller = fellow

- 21) **ORGAN GRINDER...a street musician who played a music box when a crank was turned**

**A real treat for people in 1917...
No radio. No tapes or CD's or iTunes.
You either played an instrument or you did not hear music.**

Skip to...

- 29) **BEE IN HER BONNET...to be excessively focused on something that you think is important. Her mom is very interested in being part of high society.**

Skip to...

32) Dialect o' = of

Skip to...

42) Dialect de= the

Skip to...

44) "...collapse of the market..."

The stock market crashed in the year the book was written and crashed even worse the year of the film's release.

46) BEARS... an expression that means those who are pessimistic about the stock market. "Bull"s are optimistic about the stock market.

47) Dialect: WUXTRA = EXTRA

Young boys called "Newsies" used to sell papers on the streets in the morning (no home delivery) and if important news came out during the day, extra news would be printed.

Skip to...

53) MILESTONE ...a significant stage in one's life

Skip to...

55) DISMISSED...unneeded and can leave

She feels old enough to give orders the staff assigned to her.

56) DILEMMA...difficult situation

HOMESTEAD...home

57) SACRILEGE...violation of something sacred

Skip to...

60) Snake-in-the-grass... someone who pretends to be your friend while secretly doing things to harm you

Skip to...

63) Dialect: theyater = theater

Skip to...

68) Burning the candle at both ends... getting little rest due to being busy late into the night and again early in the morning

Skip to...

71) Two-faced... when a person says nice things about people when they are with them, but bad things about them when they are gone

72) DOPE... medication

Skip to...

78) ESCAPADE...a reckless prank

**79) WHILST... while
DELIRIUM...hallucination**

(Tell students that when watching the film at Strathmore, to pay close attention to how the filmmakers take the audience in and out of Gwen's dreamlike hallucinations.)

Skip to...

86) FRENZIED...frantic

Skip to...

93) CEASES...stops

Skip to...

99) DISTRESS...trouble

Skip to...

105) WHIRLPOOL...(idiom) a downward spiraling

Skip to...

Doctor's prescription...

GINGHAM...plain cotton fabric, usually with a checked pattern