

STRONG TOWER ACADEMY, IKORODU, LAGOS

WEEK SEVEN

CLASS: SSS 2

SUBJECT: Literature-in-English

TOPIC: "Look Back In Anger"

SUB-TOPIC: Character and Characterization

ASPECT: Non-African Drama

ENABLE OBJECTIVES: At the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

- (i) define the terms: Character and Characterization.
- (ii) identify the various characters in the text.
- (iii) vividly analyze these characters in reference to their various characterizations in the recommended text.

REFERENCES: (i) : "Look Back In Anger" by John Osborne

(ii) Ehis O. Osajie's: "Complete Guide to Literature-in-English for WASSCE - NECO candidates.(2021 – 2025)"

CONTENT: Introduction to Non-African Drama: "Look Back In Anger" by John Osborne

The characters and their characterizations in the play:

- **Colonel Redfern** – is Alison's father, a good-looking man of sixty who has returned to England after spending forty years in the army, primarily in India.
- **Alison Porter** – Jimmy's wife. A woman of upper-middle-class background, she is perceptive enough to understand that her husband resents everything in her that reminds him of the social differences between them. After three years of marriage, she is miserable. The only way that she can survive Jimmy's constant verbal attacks on her and on her family is to conceal her feelings and remain silent.
- **Cliff Lewis** – A friend of Jimmy, also from the working classes. A gentle person, he does not have Jimmy's fire or wit, but he also lacks his cruelty. Cliff is genuinely fond of Alison. He shows his appreciation for her housekeeping efforts, and he tries to defend her from Jimmy's verbal abuse. It is he, not Jimmy, who bandages Alison's arm after she burns it. Of all the characters in the play, Cliff seems to understand best what other people are feeling. Even when Helena thinks that she hates Jimmy, Cliff guesses that she really desires him, and he alone sees through her attempts to break up the marriage. Because he so dislikes Helena, Cliff moves out when he senses that she is moving in.
- **Helena Charles** – a beautiful elegant actress, a friend of Alison and a member of her social circle. Helena comes to spend a few days with the Porters, but, finding herself increasingly attracted to Jimmy, she stays on, intent on driving a wedge between Jimmy and Alison.

CLASSWORK:

- (1) What is the purpose of Cliff character in the play, Look Back In Anger?
- (2) Who is Alison in Look Back In Anger?
- (3) What are the major themes in Look Back In Anger?

ASSIGNMENT:

- (1) Describe the relationship between Jimmy and Alison in Look Back In Anger.
- (2) What is the significance of the title of Look Back In Anger.
- (3) Why does Jimmy always abuse his wife in Look Back In Anger?