Concept of frustration:

This play expresses a sense of frustration and anger at the depressing circumstances of post-war Britain. Jimmy is regarded as an embodiment of the frustrations of a particular age and class especially the generation of young men who have been expecting to leave behind their lower-class origins by using higher education. Jimmy is educated beyond his social roots; however, he cannot get what he expects from his education. Despite his university degree he has worked as an advertising salesman, a beginner journalist, and a salesman. Then he starts to run a sweet stall for a living which is also not a proper job for a graduate man. Jimmy should have been working in a job suitable for his university education. It can be said that Jimmy is not working in a proper job due to his working-class origins. His university degree does not make him a member of a higher class.

Jimmy is frustrated due to the fact that his educational background does not fulfill his anticipations. Therefore, it can be counted as one of the reasons for Jimmy's rage. He feels betrayed by the previous generation because his generation is experiencing the disappointment of World War II. However, Jimmy is looking for some enthusiasm instead of tiredness.