

Shakespeare, William: 1564–1616

King Lear, 1608 – Characters

King Lear: The aging king of Britain who decides to divide his kingdom among his three daughters.

Goneril: Lear's eldest daughter, married to the Duke of Albany.

Regan: Lear's middle daughter, married to the Duke of Cornwall.

Cordelia: Lear's youngest and most virtuous daughter, married to the King of France.

Earl of Gloucester: A nobleman loyal to Lear.

Edmund: Gloucester's cunning and ambitious illegitimate son.

Edgar: Gloucester's legitimate son and heir.

Earl of Kent: A loyal nobleman who serves Lear even after being banished for defending Cordelia. Disguised as "Caius," he remains a steadfast protector of the king.

The Fool: Lear's jester.

Duke of Albany: Goneril's husband.

Duke of Cornwall: Regan's husband.

Oswald: Goneril's steward, a slimy and loyal servant.

