

KING LEAR

10 Events

1. Lear plans to split England between his daughters, and asks them to show their love. Goneril and Regan pander but Cordelia remains silent. Lear, furious, banishes Cordelia and her supporter, Kent.
2. Lear is gradually driven mad by Goneril and Regan's miserable treatment of him.
3. Edmund, Gloucester's bastard son, convinces his father that his other son, Edgar, is plotting to murder him.
4. Edgar flees, disguising himself as Poor Tom, and meets Kent (also in disguise), a Fool and Lear on a lonely heath. Lear rages madly at a storm then takes shelter.
5. Gloucester brings them supplies but is betrayed by Edmund and punished. His eyes are put out by Lear's daughters, Goneril and Regan.
6. Edgar (still disguised) leads his father to Dover where the French army, under Cordelia, have landed. A battle ensues but the English, under Edmund, triumph.
7. Gloucester is reunited with the mad Lear, then dies in the arms of his good son, Edgar.
8. Lear and Cordelia are captured and Edmund orders their death. A messenger informs Edmund that Goneril and Regan have killed themselves.
9. Edgar appears and duels with his brother, killing him.
10. Lear enters, bearing Cordelia's body then collapses overcome with sorrow, and dies in front of Kent and Edgar.