Character Summaries

Lear

✓ Inspires loyalty (for example, the respect shown by Kent).
✓ Recognises his mistakes and asks forgiveness.
✓ Becomes more humble and tolerant.
✓ Through his own suffering, he acquires understanding of the sad plight of humanity.
✗ Rash and impulsive.
✗ Explosive, volatile and vengeful.
✗ Foolish and irrational.
✗ Impatient and selfish.
✗ Vain (tries to separate the glory of majesty from the responsibilities of sovereignty).
✗ Meegalomaniac (loves power, loves to be in control).
✗ Egocentric and self-obsessed.

Goneril and Regan

✓ Nothing?
✗ Vicious, cruel, vindictive, violent, savage.
✗ Threatening and treacherous.
✗ Ruthless, ambitious and destructive.
✗ Megalomaniacs.
✗ Arrogant and assertive.
✗ Jealous and lustful.
✗ Immoral and remorseless.
✗ Totally abhorrent!