

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).
- ✗ Megalomaniac (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!