

## King Lear Scene Breakdown

**[Prelude- The Desir perform a dance to prepare the space for a story. Should serve the purpose of the prologue, giving glimpses of the story.]**

### **Act 1 Scene 1 (355 Lines): The Love of Our Children**

Setting: Lear's Castle

Characters: Kent, Gloucester, Edmund, Lear, Cornwall, Albany, Goneril, Regan, Cordelia, Ensemble, Desir, France, Burgundy

### **Act 1 Scene 2 (192 Lines): Betrayal of a Brother**

Setting: Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Edmund, Gloucester, Edgar

### **Act 1 Scene 3 (29 Lines): Goneril's Anger**

Setting: Albany's Castle

Characters: Goneril, Oswald

### **Act 1 Scene 4 (371 Lines): A Disguise and a Cold Shoulder**

Setting: Albany's Castle

Characters: Kent, Lear, Ensemble, Oswald, Fool, Goneril, Albany

### **Act 1 Scene 5 (51 Lines): Preparing for Regan**

Setting: Outside Albany's Castle

Characters: Lear, Kent, Fool, Gentleman

### **Act 2 Scene 1 (151 Lines): Lies and Alliances**

Setting: Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Edmund, Curan, Edgar, Gloucester, Desir, Servants, Cornwall, Regan, Attendants

### **Act 2 Scene 2 (188 Lines): Don't Kill the Messenger**

Setting: Outside Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Oswald, Kent, Edmund, Cornwall, Regan, Gloucester, Servants, Desir

### **Act 2 Scene 3 (21 Lines): Crazy Tom**

Setting: Wilderness

Characters: Edgar, Desir

### **Act 2 Scene 4 (353 Lines): Two Against One**

Setting: Outside Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Lear, Fool, Gentleman, Kent, Gloucester, Cornwall, Regan, Servants, Oswald, Goneril, Desir

**Act 3 Scene 1 (62 Lines): A Chance Meeting**

Setting: Heath (Moor/Marshland)

Characters: Kent, Gentleman (Hel), Desir

**Act 3 Scene 2 (103 Lines): Rage Against the Storm**

Setting: Heath

Characters: Lear, Fool, Kent, Desir

**Act 3 Scene 3 (25 Lines): Duty and Betrayal**

Setting: Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Gloucester, Edmund

**Act 3 Scene 4 (197 Lines): Shelter from the Storm**

Setting: Heath near a shack

Characters: Lear, Kent, Fool, Edgar, Gloucester, Desir

**Act 3 Scene 5 (26 Lines): A Letter and a Title**

Setting: Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Cornwall, Edmund

**Act 3 Scene 6 (126 Lines): Holding Court**

Setting: A Shack

Characters: Kent, Gloucester, Lear, Edgar, Fool

**Interlude:** The Fool is captured by soldiers. Beaten and hung.

Characters: Fool, Soldiers, Desir, Hel

**Act 3 Scene 7 (129 Lines): The Eyes Have It**

Setting: Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Cornwall, Regan, Goneril, Edmund, Desir, Servants (3x), Oswald, Gloucester

**Act 4 Scene 1 (90 Lines): An Old Man, A Madman, and a Blind Man**

Setting: Heath

Characters: Edgar, Gloucester, Old Man (Hel), Desir

**Act 4 Scene 2 (118 Lines): A Warm Kiss and a Cold Reception**

Setting: Outside Albany's Castle

Characters: Goneril, Edmund, Albany, Messenger, Oswald

**Act 4 Scene 4 (32 Lines): A Daughter's Devotion**

Setting: French Camp (In a tent)

Characters: Cordelia, Ensemble, Messenger, Doctor

**Act 4 Scene 5 (45 Lines): The Snake Turns on Itself**

Setting: Gloucester's Castle

Characters: Regan, Oswald

**Act 4 Scene 6 (316): Found but Saved**

Setting: Field on the way to the French Camp

Characters: Gloucester, Edgar, Lear, Gentleman (Hel), Oswald, Desir

**Act 4 Scene 7 (112 Lines): Reunited**

Setting: A tent in the French Camp

Characters: Cordelia, Kent, Doctor, Gentleman (Hel), Desir

**Act 5 Scene 1 (77 Lines): A Plot Revealed**

Setting: British Camp

Characters: Edmund, Servant, Regan, Albany, Goneril, Soldier, Edgar

**Act 5 Scene 2 (13 Lines): Father and Son**

Setting: Battlefield

Characters: Edgar, Gloucester

**Act 5 Scene 3 (395 Lines): Dance with Death**

Setting: British Camp

Characters: Edmund, Cordelia, Lear, Soldiers, Desir, Captain (2x), Albany, Goneril, Regan, Herald (Desir), Gentleman (Hel), Desir