

"King Lear" is a tragedy by William Shakespeare that explores themes of power, betrayal, and madness. Parallel to Lear's story is that of the nobleman Gloucester, who is betrayed by his illegitimate son Edmund while his legitimate son Edgar remains loyal. The play follows the aging King Lear, who decides to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, Goneril, Regan, and Cordelia, based on their flattery and professions of love for him. As Lear descends into madness, he is accompanied by his loyal follower, the Fool, and encounters a storm that symbolizes his inner turmoil.