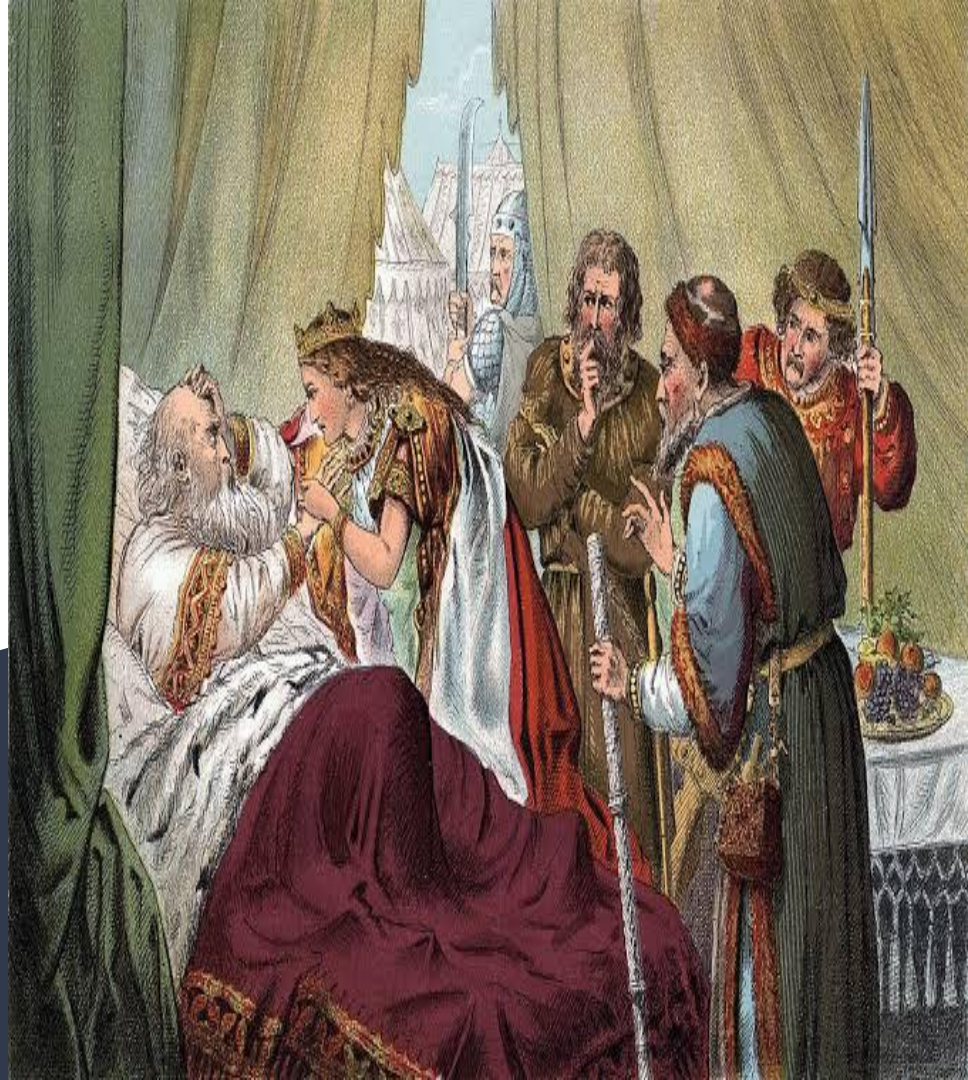


King Lear

Introduction

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one of the great peaks of tragic drama to be scaled.

King Lear is basically a tale about the corrupted relations of a man and his daughters.

distorted familial relations

Summary

Lear is monarch of Britain, a self-centred old man, who decides to divide his kingdom among his three daughters according to their expressed affection for him. Goneril, who is married to the duke of Albany, and Regan, married to the duke of Cornwall, hypocritically profess extravagant love for him. The unmarried Cordelia is honest

Summary

Lear angrily gives her portion of the kingdom to her sisters. The two sisters, after taking over, turn against their father, eventually tossing him out of their gates into a storm. Lear howls against the fates, banters with his fool and loses his mind. The earl of Gloucester who stands up for the old king has his eyes put out.

Summary

Lear is taken by another faithful lord to Dover, where Cordelia who has married the king of France receives him. Goneril and Regan become rivals and both die in a murder-suicide. The French invade England but are defeated.

