

Unit 4 Essential Questions - Conformity and Rebellion

1. Why do we conform and what purpose does conformity serve? What is the cost of conformity?
2. How can rebellion and conformity exist together?
3. Is obedience a virtue?
4. Who or what defines what is right and wrong?
5. How do the rights of the individual compare with the rights of the group?
6. What might a person or group hope to achieve through rebellion in contrast to blind obedience?
7. How do leadership styles, and their reactions to crisis, impact rebellion and conformity?
8. At what point will a system of conformity impact the human spirit and will to survive?

What to Expect for this Unit

- *King Lear*
- Poetry study
- *Heart of Darkness*
- Field Trip!
- Prose study
- *Choice Novel*
- 4 in-class essays
- Research paper

This unit is
Quarter 3!!

King Lear

Consider the items below and rank the items from least horrible (1) to most horrible (10) in terms of how destructive they would be in your life.

Events from the play	Your life	Events from the play	Your life
Experiencing a family fight		Being in the midst of a war	
Committing murder		Being thrown out of your home	
Being murdered		Experiencing a thunderstorm	
Aging		Dying	
Going insane		Having an affair	

King Lear

Now, rank the items in how destructive you believe they might be in *King Lear*. Recall what you know about the typical five act Shakespearean tragedy.

Events from the play	Your life
Experiencing a family fight (I.i)	
Committing murder (V.iii)	
Being murdered (V.iii)	
Aging (I.v)	
Going insane (III.ii)	

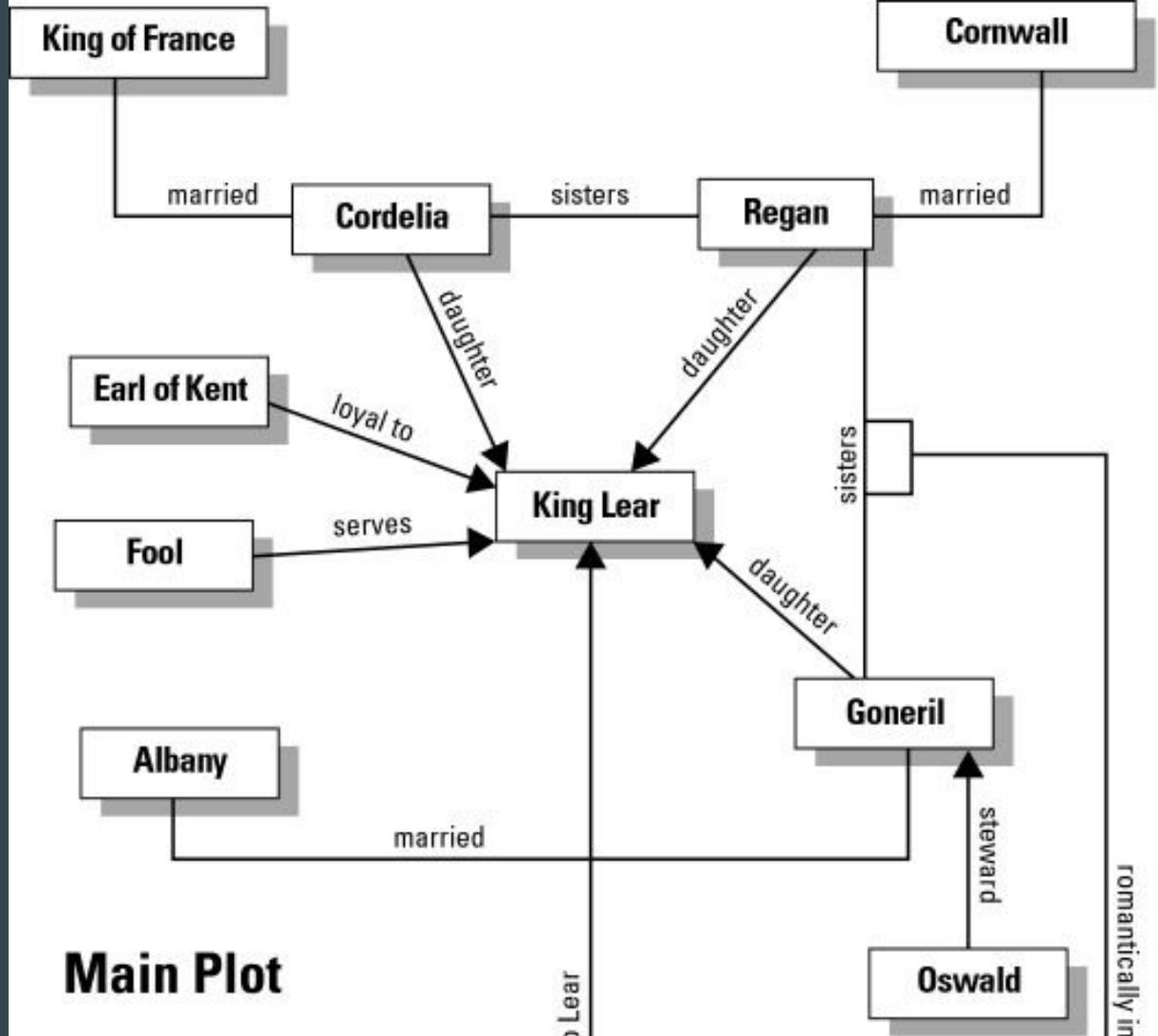
Events from the play	Your life
Being in the midst of war (IV, V)	
Being thrown out of your home (I.i)	
Experiencing a thunderstorm (II, III)	
Dying (V.iii)	
Having an affair (V.i)	

King Lear

What to watch for:

- Each thing Lear loses as the play progresses (material, emotional, etc.)
- How others treat Lear, good and bad
- What Lear thinks of himself and what others think of him
- Gloucester's problems with his sons and how that compares with Lear's difficulties with his daughters
- The dynamics of the father/daughter (and father/son) relationships during the play
- What is revealed about human nature through this play

Character Map



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