**Family Relationships**

* Lear and his three daughters, Regan, Goneril and Cordelia
* Regan and Goneril only flatter and ‘love’ their father for his possessions, his land, title and money
* Cordelia loves her father as a daughter should, however Lear doesn’t see this until it’s too late
* Gloucester and his two sons, Edmund and Edgar
* Edmund is the eldest and illegitimate son, he is angry at being the illegitimate son and plots to put Edgar in ill favour and to gain his father’s title, land and money.

**Filial Ingratitude**

* Regan and Goneril go against nature
* They only use their father for their personal gain
* Lear expects them to treat him like when he was king, but they do not. They believe he should be led and ruled
* Disrupted the chain of being, acting like animals, *“tigers”* and *“pelicans”* instead of daughters
* Edmund betrays his father and brother to get what he wants
* Manipulates his father to get what he wants and portrays his brother as disloyal
* Also goes against the natural order

**Age**

* With age comes wisdom
* Lear does not have the wisdom that is suppose come with age as his flaw of pride ‘blinds’ him
* The Fool tries to help Lear see the errors of his ways, and the unwise decisions that he has made as an old man

**Quotes - Family Relationships**

* *“Fathers that wear rags do make their children blind, but fathers that bear bags shall see their children kind” –* Fool to Lear (Act 2, Scene 4, Line 47-50)
* *“No blown ambition doth our arms incite, but love, dear love, and our aged father’s right.” –* Cordelia (Act 4, Scene 4, Line 27-28
* *“Thou hast one daughter who redeems nature from the general curse”* – Gentleman (Act 4, Scene 6, Line 205-208

**Quotes - Filial Ingratitude**

* *“The hedge-sparrow fed the cuckoo so long that its’ had it head bit off by it young” –* Fool to Lear (Act 1, Scene 4, Line 218-219
* *“I gave you all” –* Lear, *“And in good time you gave it”* – Regan, (Act 2, Scene 4, Line 247-248)
* *“Detested kite, thou liest”* – Lear (Act 1, Scene 4, Line 265)
* *“Death, traitor; nothing could have subdued nature to such a lowness but his unkind daughters… Those pelican daughters”* – Lear (Act 3, Scene 4, Line 69-74)
* *“I Regan, she hath tied shark*-toothed unkindness, like a vulture, here” – Lear (Act 2, Scene 4, Line 131-132)
* *“Tigers not daughters… a father and a gracious aged man… have you madded”*  - Albany (Act 4, Scene 2, Line 40-45)

**Quotes - Age**

* *“If thou wert my fool, nuncle, I’ll have thee beaten for being old before thy time”* – Fool (Act 1, Scene 5, Line 40-41
* *“Thou shouldst not have been old till thou hadst been wise”* – Fool (Act 1, Scene 5, Line 43-44)
* *“The younger rises when the old doth fall”* – Edmund (Act 3, Scene 3, Line 26)
* *“O, sir, you are old; nature in you stands on the very verge of his confine. You should be ruled, and led by some discretion that discerns your state better than you yourself.”* – Regan (Act 2, Scene 4, Line 143-146)