

Drama, Writing and Speech Assignment 12

- Read William Shakespeare's *King Lear*, Act IV.
- I have extended the date of your narrative/observation essay. It will be due on the first Friday in January—the Friday after our break.
- Begin your L4 project—life-long Lear lesson by *choosing a passage from the play at least ten lines long*. Suggested passages are included in the study guide. I will be asking you in class why you chose the particular passage. The L4 project will also include the following:



- * reciting the passage every week till the end of the year, both in class and out of class. Make sure your intonation matches what is being communicated. *You must choose a passage to memorize by next week. The passage must be memorized by the third week in January.*
- * writing an narrative on an experience that illustrates how the passage relates to your own experience, quoting the chosen passage one or several times in the narration.
- * writing a critical essay on the passage
- * composing music, writing a poem, painting a picture, or completing some other project based on the passage. You will be presenting this project on our get-together in April.
- The picture on the assignment sheet is of Lear mourning the death of his dear daughter Cordelia. “*O you are men of stone; had I your tongues and eyes, I’d use them so that heaven’s vault should crack. She’s gone forever!*”

Long-Term Assignment

- The L4 project will include 1) memorizing a passage in *King Lear* and reciting your passage as part of a quiz every week until the end of the year (you must choose a passage before the break) due **the third week in January**; 2) writing a personal narrative that illustrates some aspect of the passage, due **the second week of February**; 3) writing a critical essay on the passage, due **the fourth week of January**; 4) completing a creative work based on the passage, due **when we meet together on April 8, 2022**.
- We have been discussing the the multifarious themes presented in *Lear* at length in class. You will be writing a critical essay as part of your at-home test *after the break*. The test will be due the second Friday in January.
- I am planning a viewing of a very special production of *King Lear* on Friday night, April 8, 2022. I will give you more details about the event in subsequent assignment sheets.