

Drama, Writing and Speech Assignment 8

- *reading.* Read William Shakespeare's *King Lear*, Act V.
- *L4 project.* Begin your L4 project—life-long Lear lesson by *choosing a passage from the play at least ten lines long and memorizing it for recitation this coming Friday.* The L4 project will 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.
- * writing an narrative of an experience that illustrates what is being expressed in the quotation, 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 based on the passage

- *critical reading.* Read what Orwell has to say about *King Lear* (posted on assignment page).
- *picture.* 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

- For the L4 assignment you will be assigned the following: 1) recite the passage every week, starting the fourth week in October. 2) write a critical analysis of the passage, which will be part of a test, given the second week in November. 3) write a narrative on an experience that illustrates the passage, due the third week in November. 4) complete a creative project which will be due when we meet together the fourth week in March.
- I am planning a viewing of a very special production of *King Lear* on Friday night, the fourth week in March. I will give you more details about the event in subsequent assignment sheets.
- Remember to plan for **Friday night, the third week in November**, as we watch a production of the play. We will be preparing the savory food, but feel welcome to bring desserts (if you wish) and name them to indicate themes or any other aspects of the play. Also, you may want to skim through the play in order to be a good player for your team!