

Theme of Evil

Lear	"Here I disclaim all my paternal care [...] and as a stranger to my heart and me hold thee, from this, for ever."	Extreme cruelty, abuse of justice and power, punishment doesn't fit crime
Goneril	"Sir, I love you more than words can wield the matter"	Lies and deceit
Goneril	"Pluck out his eyes."	Cruelty
Regan	"Hang him instantly"	Cruelty
Regan	"One side will mock another; the other too."	Excessive cruelty
Regan	"...let him smell/ His way to Dover."	
Edmund	"Let me, if not by birth, have lands by wit"	
	Theme of Madness	
Edgar	"Reason in madness!"	
Lear	"Who is it that can tell me who I am?"	Starts to question his identity
Lear	"I did her wrong"	Realisation abt Cordelia
Lear	"Monster ingratitude!"	
Lear	"O, let me not be mad, not mad, sweet heaven"	Starts losing it
Lear	"A poor, infirm, weak, and despised old man"	
Lear	"They flattered me like a dog"	Realisation
Lear	"I am a very foolish fond old man"	
Fool	"... thou hadst little wit in thy bald crown, when thou gavest thy golden one away."	
Lear	"...unaccommodated man is no more but such a poor bare, forked animal as thou art."	
Lear	"but this heart/ Shall break into a hundred thousand flaws"	
Kent	"O, let him pass! he hates him much That would upon the rack of this tough world Stretch him out longer."	
Regan	"it was he (Edmund) that made the overture of thy treasons to us"	

Theme of the "Natural Law"

Gloucester	"Loyal and natural boy."	Abt Edmund, not how it's supposed to be
Gloucester	"Unnatural, detested, brutish villain!"	Abt Edgar
Edgar	The dark and vicious place where thee he got cost him his eyes.	
Lear	"a wretch whom nature is ashamed almost to acknowledge hers."	Abt Cordelia

Theme of Sight and Blindness

Kent	"...see better..."	
Lear	"Out of my sight"	
Gloucester	"I have no way, and therefore want no eyes; I stumbled when I saw"	
Gloucester	"Might I but live to see thee in my touch, I'd say I had eyes again!"	

Theme of Justice

Lear	"Through tatter'd clothes small vices do appear; Robes and furr'd gowns hide all."	
Kent	"...the gods reward your kindness!"	Also Theme of Gods
Gloucester	"Kind gods, forgive me that, and prosper him!"	Also Theme of Gods
Gloucester	"As flies to wanton boys, are we to the gods. They kill us for their sport."	Loss of faith Also Theme of Gods
Gloucester	"You ever-gentle gods... Let not my worser spirit tempt me again to die before you please!"	Also Theme of Gods
Albany	"The gods defend her!"	Also Theme of Gods
Lear	"shake the superflux to them, and show the heavens more just."	Pleads to spread wealth more equally as he develops empathy Also Also Theme of Gods
Gloucester	"So distribution should undo excess, and each man have enough."	Same as above

Theme of Power

Lear	"To shake all cares and business from our age; conferring them on younger strengths"	The beginning of it all
Fool	"I am better than thou art now; I am a fool, thou art nothing."	
Fool	"Lear's shadow."	When Lear asks who he (Lear) is
Lear	"Why came not the slave back to me when I called him."	
Fool	"...they'll have me whipped for speaking true, thou'lt have me whipped for lying; and sometimes I am whipped for holding my peace."	
Goneril	"...the laws are mine, not thine: who can arraign me for't?"	

Theme of Gods

Lear	"... by the sacred radiance of the sun, the mysteries of Hecate."	
Kent	"The stars above us, govern our conditions..."	
Edgar	"...we make guilty of our disasters the sun, the moon, and the stars: as if we were villains by necessity;"	
Lear	"You see me here, you gods, a poor old man"	

Theme of Filial Ingratitude

Lear	"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!"	
Lear	"I tax not you, you elements, with unkindness; I never gave you kingdom, call'd you children"	
Lear	"What, have his daughters brought him to this pass?"	Lear thinks only daughters could do that to a man
Lear	"Nothing could have subdued nature to such a lowness but his unkind daughters."	Same as above