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Interpret That Quote

Directions: In this activity, you will **interpret**, or explain the meaning of, several quotations from *King Lear*. Choose two quotations from the list below, locate them in the play, and write what they mean. To help you interpret each, use **context**—the text that surrounds a particular passage and helps you determine its meaning.

Example:

Quote: “Nothing will come of nothing.”

Interpretation: If Cordelia says nothing about her adoration, then King Lear will give nothing of his kingdom to her.

Quotations

Scene 1

Lear: Better Cordelia was never born than not to have pleased me better.

Scene 2

Fool: You’ve become old before you’ve become wise.

Scene 3

Fool: You’ve made your daughters your mothers.

Scene 7

Lear: You have no eyes, yet you see how this world goes.

Quote: _____

Meaning: _____

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