



### Notes for *The Merchant of Venice*

#### List of Characters

Venice	Belmont
<p><b><u>Christians in Venice</u></b>  <b>Antonio</b>-a white-Christian/the Merchant of Venice  <b>Bassanio</b>-his friend &amp; suitor to Portia  <b>Gratiano, Salerio, Salenio, Salarino</b>-friends  <b>Leonardo</b>-servant to Bassanio</p> <p><b><u>Jews in Venice</u></b>  <b>Shylock</b>-Jew, userer (moneylender)            Member of a racial &amp; religious minority within the predominantly Christian society of Venice.  <b>Jessica</b>-his daughter (in love with Lorenzo, a Christian)  <b>Launcelot Gobbo</b>-a clown, servant to Shylock  <b>Tubal</b>-a Jew who is Shylock's friend</p>	<p><b>Portia</b>- an heiress  <b>Nerissa</b>- her gentelwoman-in-waiting  <b>Balthasar, Stephano</b>-Servants to Portia</p> <p><b>Suitors to Portia</b>-the Prince of Morocco, the Prince of Arragon</p>