Directions: Read and review the characters below, and as you go, annotate what you have learned, noticed, or think about them…

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| * [**Antonio**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_%28Merchant_of_Venice%29) – a merchant of Venice
* Bassanio – Antonio's friend; suitor to Portia
* Gratiano, Solanio, Salarino – friends of Antonio and Bassanio
* Lorenzo – friend of Antonio and Bassanio, in love with Jessica
* [Portia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portia_%28Merchant_of_Venice%29) – a rich heiress
* Nerissa – Portia's waiting maid- in love with Gratiano
* Balthazar – Portia's servant, who Portia later disguises herself as
* Stephano – Nerissa's disguise as Balthazar's law clerk.
* [Shylock](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shylock) – a rich Jew, moneylender, father of Jessica
* Jessica – daughter of Shylock, in love with Lorenzo
* Tubal – a Jew; Shylock's friend
* Launcelot Gobbo – a servant to Shylock
* Old Gobbo – father of Launcelot
* Leonardo – servant to Bassanio
* Duke of Venice – Venetian authority who presides over the case of Shylock's bond
* Prince of Morocco – suitor to Portia
* Prince of Arragon – suitor to Portia
* *Magnificoes of Venice, officers of the Court of Justice, Gaoler, servants to Portia, and other Attendants*
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