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_(Merchant_of_Venice)) – 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_(Merchant_of_Venice)) – 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* |  |