



The Connections in The Merchant of Venice

1. Portia is the justice who pronounces the sentence on Shylock for his attempt on Antonio's life.
2. The gift of the ring by Portia to Bassanio is a symbol of their love and marriage.
3. "If you fail, without more speech, my lord, You must be gone from hence immediately" (2.9.7-8)
4. Shylock's desire for revenge against Antonio
5. Bassanio believes Portia deserves a say in the contract of marriage.
6. "Before you hazard, for in choosing wrong, I lose your company; there for forbear a while." (3.2.2-3)
7. Bassanio and Antonio desire to show their gratitude to the justice.
8. Portia deserves the right to love and not forced into marriage.
9. Bassanio is willing to risk and hazard all he has for his bonds of love and friendship.