

Shylock: Sinister or Sympathetic?
Questions based on Merchant Act 3, Scene 1

Name: _____

Period: _____

1. *Salerio and Solanio taunt and tease Shylock about his daughter's "flight." In your own words, describe two hurtful things they say to him about this event (2 pts.).*

2. *In lines 49 and following, Shylock begins to list the wrongs done him by Antonio. In your own words, name two of the wrongs that would most hurt and offend you if you were Shylock (2 pts.).*

3. *Lines 54 - 62 compare Jews and Christians and the things they have in common. How does this speech make you feel towards Shylock? (2 pts.)*

4. *Why does Shylock feel justified in his attempt to get revenge against Antonio? Who, according to him, taught him to behave this way? (2 pts.)*

5. *At what point do you begin to lose sympathy for Shylock? Quote briefly the exact moment (2 pts.)*

6. *What news most wounds Shylock when he hears it? (2 pts.)*