Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

English – Shakespeare Unit – Merchant of Venice.

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Character outlines:

ANTONIO

I am a wealthy merchant

I am a Christian

I dislike Jews

I have many friends, including Gratiano, Lorenzo, Salerio and Solanio – but I am particularly fond of Bassanio

My friends describe me as kind, honest, and gentle

SHYLOCK

I am a Jew

I am a moneylender

I have one child, a daughter called Jessica

My wife, who was called Leah, is dead

My good friend is called Tubal

My servant is called Launcelot Gobbo

I hate the Christians for how they treat my people. I especially hate Antonio because he is a Christian and because he lends money without charging interest