The merchant from Venice

* Shakespeare often based his plays on the works of others, for example in the The Merchant of Venice. The play is about the prejudice against the Jews, this was normal in Shakespeare´s time. They were taxed more, they had to wear strips of yellow cloth and the government forbade them to mingle with Christians. One of the services the jews provided was money lending. They had some protection for the financial services they provided.
* The main character is Shylock. He is a typical Jew stereotype at Shakespeare´s time. He is a greedy money lender who hates Christians and he is motivated for his evil behavior towards the Christians.
* The main plot is about the loan Shylock makes towards a Christian. He needed money from Shylock because he was going to help his friend Bassanio. Antonio despise Shylock, but Shylock has also suffered abuse from Antonio and his friends. Antonio can not pay in cash now, but he is confident that his ship will arrive in time. Shylock says thatg if Antonio cant pay the money in time he will have to give Shylock a pound of flesh

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Plays: Romeo and Julie, Hamlet, Merchant from Venice, Julius Cesar, Othello, King Lear, Macbeth, Midsummer nightsdream.

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