**Chapter 1 The Merchant Makes a Contract**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. A merchant makes a contract to buy or sell goods.

2. I don’t think so because the man on the right looks hostile to the other men.

3. I think the story takes place in the Middle Ages in Europe.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

1. Antonio • • a noble Venetian; lived too expensively

2. Bassanio • • a money-lending Jew; known to be greedy

3. Shylock • • a rich lady; many men want to marry her

4. Portia • • a merchant; a very kind and helpful man

**Chapter 2 Bassanio Plans a Party**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think he’s celebrating his success.

2. I think he’s telling Shylock how greedy he is and how badly he treats his daughter.

3. I think she is Shylock’s daughter.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**Launcelot Gratiano**

hated working for Shylock said he would act with respect

delivered messages to Shylock wanted to go to Belmont

**Lorenzo Jessica**

had a small boat waiting Shylock’s daughter

a Christian man runs away with Lorenzo

**Chapter 3 Two Princes Choose**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think the test is to see if the man is wise enough to be her husband.

2. I think the man is thinking which box he should choose.

3. I think each box contains special message.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write the information in the right place.

The Gold Box The Silver Box The Lead Box

• Who chooses me shall • Who chooses me shall • Who chooses me must

gain what many men get as much as he give and risk all he has.

desire. deserves.

**Chapter 4 Shylock Gets Some News**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think he will get news about his daughter.

2. I think he’s surprised and upset.

3. I think he really wants to take Antonio’s flesh.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (c) 2. (f) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (a) 6. (g) 7. (e)

**Chapter 5 Portia Gets a Husband**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think she wants to marry Bassanio.

2. I think Bassanio’s friend wants to marry Portia’s maid.

3. I think he will try to pay off the debt for Antonio.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. F

2. T

3. F

4. T

5. F

6. T

7. F

8. T

**Chapter 6 Antonio Goes to Trial**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. No, I think he will pay in a different way.

2. I think they are in the court.

3. Yes, I think Portia will try to help and pay the debt because she’s rich.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (c)

**Chapter 7 Balthazar Holds to the Law**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I don’t think so because Portia will not let it happen.

2. I think he’s confident that he will live.

3. I think he will come up with a bright idea that can satisfy everyone.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Write the information in the right sentence.

If Shylock sheds one drop of blood, he will be judged under the law.

The bond is for one pound of flesh, so he must cut exactly that .

In trying to take the flesh of Antonio, Shylock would have taken his life. This gives the victim a special right.

**Chapter 8 Morning Comes to Belmont**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, I think Portia will want to tell her husband everything.

2. I think Portia and Nerissa are angry.

3. Yes, because they promised not to give or lose their rings.

After You Reads

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Match and write the information in the right place.

Letter One • • is a contract explaining Jessica and Lorenzo

 will get everything after Shylock’s death

Letter Two • • reveals that Portia was the young doctor

 and Nerissa was the clerk

Letter Three • • says that Antonio’s ships were not lost;

 they have come home and are full