

Victims and villains

Are you struggling to think of a character to base your diary on?

Are you unsure about how you can communicate the character's feelings about justice or revenge?

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Shylock

"I am a Jew. Hath a Jew not eyes? Hath a Jew not hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?"

The sections of Shylock's speech demonstrate that he is fed up with the way people treat him.

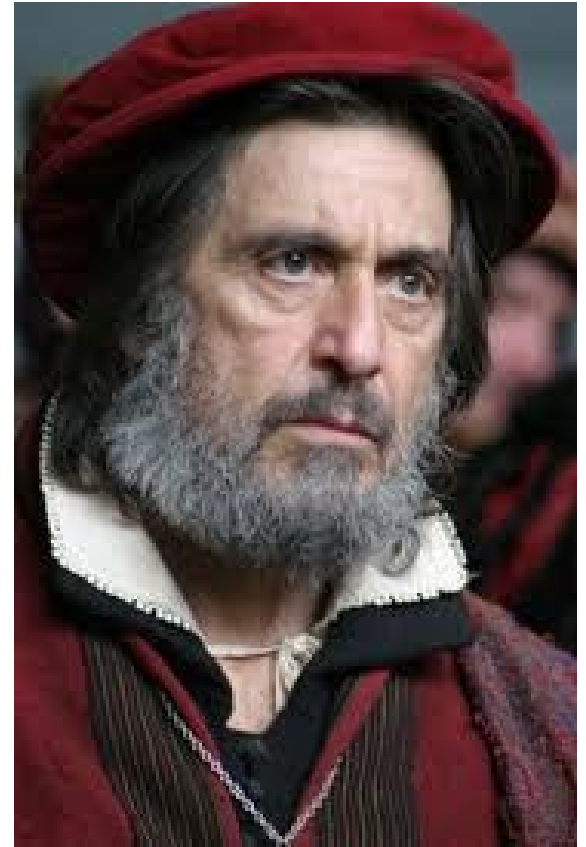
Just because he is Jewish, it doesn't mean he's not human.

Moreover, should he not seek revenge on those who have wronged him?

Shylock's Diary

"I'm sick of them. Sick of them all. Why do they think that they can treat me with such disrespect and disregard? Is it because I am Jewish? Surely my religion cannot be the cause of such mistreatment. They borrow my money and they steal my daughter. Enough! I have had enough!

I want my revenge. Justice will be done.



Create a diary entry for Shylock based on what we've learnt about him in lessons.

This should include:

- **How does he feel and why?**
- **How does he feel towards different characters and why?**
- **What are his thoughts and feelings on what life is like for a Jewish person in Venice.**