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PART THREE: CHARACTERS

Shylock

1	Complete this gap-fill paragraph about Shylock with the correct information:
	Shylock is a Jewish usurer or living in Venice. In Act I Scene 3, he
	agrees to the loan of three thousand as an act of friendship, saying he
	will forget's harsh treatment of him in the past. However, the bond
	they agree allows Shylock to claim a pound of the merchant's if the
	money is not repaid within months. In Act II, Shylock's
	Jessica runs away with Lorenzo, taking many of her father's with
	her. In Act IV Scene 1,'s legal skills deprive Shylock of his revenge.
	Ultimately Shylock is not treated mercifully by the establishment. In
	the final two scenes, Shylock does notat all.

2 Using your own judgement, draw a line on this graph to show your response to Shakespeare's presentation of Shylock at different points in the play.

Very sympathetic

Quite sympathetic					
A little sympathetic					
Totally unsympathetic	Act I	Act II	Act III	Act IV	

3 Now record evidence to support each point on your graph in the table below:

Act	Evidence
1	
11	
IV	
10	

PROGRESS LOG [tick the correct box]

Needs more work Getting there

Under control

Bassanio



- b) How does Bassanio feel about Antonio borro
- c) How honest / dishonest is Bassanio with Port
- 3 Using your own judgement, put a mark along this line to show Shakespeare's overall presentation of Bassanio.



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n Act I Scene 1?	
owing the money from Shylock?	
ia? Provide evidence.	

PART FIVE: FORM, STRUCTURE AND LANGUAGE

k the box	for the correct word to complete these examples of imagery from
e play:	
) Solanio:	'Nature hath fram'd strange fellows in her time: Some that will evermore peep through their eyes,
	And laugh like at a bagpiper'
parrots	peacocks 🗋 piglets 📃
) Shylock:	'The patch is kind enough, but a huge feeder,
	slow in profit, and he sleeps by day More than the wildcat.'
Sloth 🛄	Slug 📃 Snail 📃
) Bassanio:	'Thus ornament is but the guiled shore
	To a most dangerous'
sea 🛄	tide 📃 🦳 wave 🛄
) Gratiano:	'for thy desires
	Are, bloody, starv'd and ravenous.'
woeful 🗌	wicked 📃 🛛 wolfish 📃
) Lorenzo:	'When the sweet wind did gently the trees,
_	And they did make no noise.'
blow 📘	kiss 📃 stroke 📃
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3 The following **motifs** run through the play, but they may have many meanings. In each case you are given two scenes in which the motif appears. Explain the meanings or ideas connected to the motif in each scene.

a) Flesh and / or blood	
Act III Scene 1	
Act IV Scene 1	
b) Ships and the sea	
Act I Scene 1	
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c) Chance or risk	
Act I Scene 1	
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