***The Merchant of Venice*: Multi-Media Presentation**

**Task:** To examine how *The Merchant of Venice* influences and connects to popular culture.

Your presentation must include AT LEAST **3** different types of media (consider music, drama, prose, poetry, art, film, etc.). Be creative, but make sure specific connections are made (characters, scenes, events), and explain how the play influenced the works you choose, and how the interpretation is significant.

For **each** work chosen:

1. Give context. Explain who created the work, when, and where. Was it created for a specific purpose? What inspired that particular interpretation?

2. Make connections: Explore how the themes, characters, and plot were interpreted. How did the artist capture the qualities of Shakespeare’s work? Choose **SPECIFIC** points of comparison. For example, consider how Shylock was interpreted and what message the interpretation sends.

3. Evaluate: Do you think the artist was successful in their interpretation? How did they make you think of the text in a new way? Comment on **SPECIFIC** aspects of the play; what worked and what didn’t? Why?

Present your findings in a presentation no longer than ten minutes, no less than five minutes. You **must** include:

* some kind of visual aid (power point, prezi, poster, illustrations, etc.)
* a clear beginning, middle and end: Follow the three part structure on this outline (context, connections, evaluation)
* citations for all of your resources

You must also submit:

1. Written Component **Part 1**:
   1. “Performance Information” :

* The outline of your presentation
* All research materials

1. Prepare Written Component **Part 2**:

a. “Context”:

* + Explain in paragraph form: the most interesting pieces of work inspired by the play, and why you think the interpretation is significant.

b. “Self-Evaluation”:

* + Explain how you personally contributed to the task, what you did well, and what you could improve upon. Evaluate your group’s performance as a whole.
* Make sure your information is presented **in your own words**, and **cite** (credit) any sources that you use, either from the internet or other texts, in a formal MLA bibliography attached to your presentation outline.

Have fun! Be creative!