The Merchant of Venice: Comparing Text to Film

While watching the film version of “The Merchant of Venice”, take notes on the following elements and how they differ from or are similar to your interpretation of the text. Try to give specific examples when possible (ex: particular speeches or events).

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|  | **Film** | **Play (text)** |
| **Characters**   * Appearance * Actions/Reactions * Speech |  |  |
| **Plot**   * Differences/   similarities in story |  |  |
| **Set**   * Details of location * Changes in location (do they happen like they do in the play?) |  |  |

What is your opinion of how the play was interpreted?

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