

# Assignment

class 9

I. Bassanio - Sometimes from her eyes  
... Jasons come in quest of her.

Q1. What is meant by "fair speckled messages" and "nothing undervalued"?

Q2. Who are Calio and Benuis?  
Why are they referred to here?

Q3. What evidence is there in the passage to show that Pontia's fame had spread throughout the world?

Q4. Explain in your own words the meaning and significance of the "golden fleece" which Jason sought in Colchos.

Q5. Describe briefly the first impression the audience have of Pontia in the opening scene.

II Antonio - Thou know'st that all my fortunes . . . . .  
. . . . . of my trust or for my sake.

Q1. Why is Antonio unable to help Bassanio at once?

Q2. "To raise a present sum."  
How much was this sum?  
Why was it required urgently?

Q3. What does Antonio instruct Bassanio to do in this regard?

- Q4. Give meaning of:
- That shall be rack'd, even to the uttermost.
  - To have it of my trust or for my sake.
- Q5. In ~~this~~ the opening scene, the theme of romance and love is introduced. How is this scene important for further story?