

Questions for Act V, Scene 1

1. In lines 53 – 87 Lorenzo and Jessica discuss the music that they hear in the background. Particularly in lines 82-87, what does Lorenzo have to say about men who do not appreciate music?
2. While Bassanio is introducing Portia to Antonio (lines 132 – 140), Gratiano and Nerissa are arguing. What are they arguing about?
3. What does Nerissa mean when she says “The clerk will ne’er wear hair on’s face that had it.” (line 157)
4. What does Bassanio think would be the only believable excuse for his loss of the ring? (lines 176-177)
5. In lines 191-197, why does Bassanio feel Portia should understand that he gave the ring away?
6. What is Portia’s reply to Bassanio’s plea in lines 191-197? (lines 198-207)

