William Shakespeare

The Merchant of Venice

- •It is believed to have been written between 1596 and 1598.
- •The play is perhaps most remembered for its dramatic scenes.
- •Best known for Shylock and the famous "Hath not a Jew eyes?" speech.



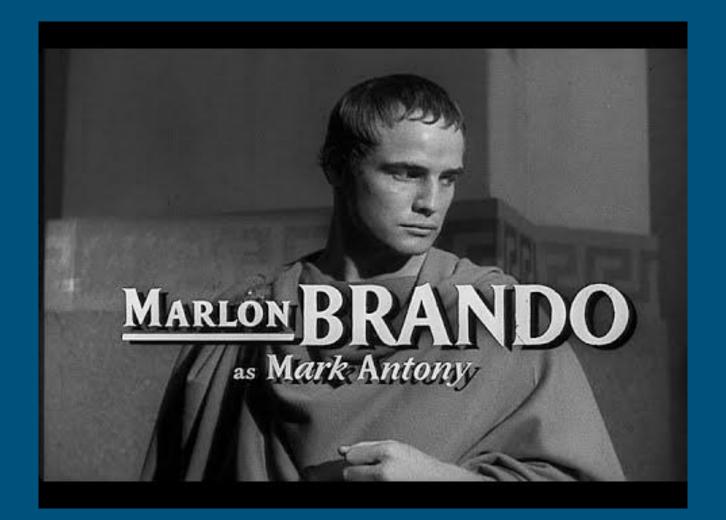
Timon of Athens

- •Published in the *First Folio* (1623) and probably written in collaboration with another author, most likely Thomas Middleton, in about 1605–1606.
- •It is about the fortunes of an Athenian named Timon (and probably influenced by the philosopher of the same name).
- •The central character is a well beloved citizen of Athens who through tremendous generosity spends his entire fortunes on corrupt hangers-on only interested in getting the next payout.
- Timon of Athens was originally grouped with the tragedies, but some scholars name it one of the problem plays.



Julius Caesar

- •It is one of several plays written by Shakespeare based on true events from <u>Roman history</u>, which also include <u>Coriolanus</u> and <u>Antony and Cleopatra</u>.
- •Although the title is *Julius Caesar*, Caesar is not the most visible character in its action, appearing alive in only three scenes.
- •<u>Marcus Brutus</u> speaks more than four times as many lines, and the central psychological drama of the play focuses on Brutus' struggle between the conflicting demands of <u>honor</u>, <u>patriotism</u> and <u>friendship</u>.



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