



Monologue Handout 1

“99 Problems” by Jay-Z (cut)

So I pulled over to the side of the road
And I heard "Son do you know why I'm stoppin' you for?"
'Cause I'm young and I'm black and my hat's real low.
Do I look like a mind reader, sir? I don't know.
Am I under arrest or should I guess some mo'?
"Well you was doin' fifty five in a fifty four.
License and registration and step out of the car.
Are you carryin' a weapon on you? I know a lot of you are."
I ain't steppin out of [this] all my papers legit.
"Do you mind if I look around the car a little bit?"
Well my glove compartment is locked so is the trunk and the back
And I know my rights so you gon' need a warrant for that.
"Aren't you sharp as a tack. Are you some type of lawyer or somethin'?"
Or somebody important or somethin'?"
Nah I ain't passed the bar but I know a little bit.
"We'll see how smart you are when the K-9's come."

Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* 3.1.53-71

He hath disgraced me and hindered me half a million, laughed at my losses, mocked at my gains, scorned my nation, thwarted my bargains, cooled my friends, heated mine enemies—and what's his reason? I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge? If we are like you in the rest, we will resemble you in that. If a Jew wrong a Christian, what is his humility? Revenge. If a Christian wrong a Jew, what should his sufferance be by Christian example? Why, revenge! The villainy you teach me, I will execute.