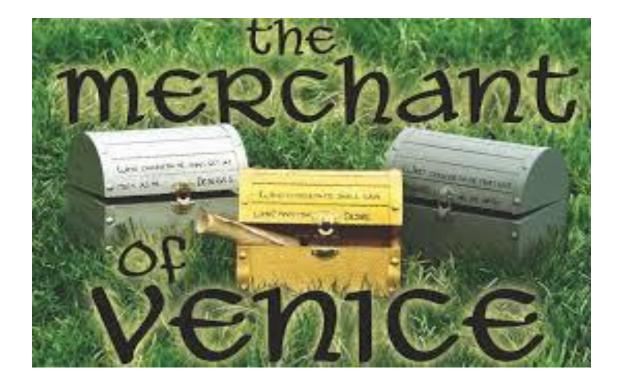
The Merchant of Venice The Caskets Riddles



Inspired by Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice (act II, scene 7 - the 3 caskets riddles), the C' class students composed their own riddles to use in a representation of the scene. With some alterations concerning the third casket – since we couldn't give away Portia-we replaced the inscription on the lead casket and her portrait inside, with one, more fitting to our prize. Whoever chose the lead casket would gain the Bard's wisdom and the dvd of the 2004 film directed by Michael Radford.

The inscriptions on our caskets read:

Who chooseth me, shall get what every man desires (gold casket) Who chooseth me, shall get what he deserves (silver casket) Who chooseth me, shall get His wisdom (lead casket) **Γ1** The Gold Casket

> Those who seek only gold are the ones who have sold their souls If this is your life's goal then you'll get nothing at all cause all that glitters isn't gold. There isn't much space for you and if you don't change your attitude nothing more will you have found nothing serious or profound You're as shallow as your sight, unable to see the meaning of true life!

The Silver Casket

Who chooses me shall get as much as he deserves though you are not as ambitious to go as far as it gets To earn the princess, you think you should be humble and not follow the path of risks and trouble One must have a little bit of this and that to make his wishes turn into an act So you should find what it takes, to be or not to be, might be the change. Lead the life you truly long for, make a story no one has ever heard of ...

The Lead Casket

You, who have chosen this box won't be guaranteed no power nor gold Instead, you'll have to take some risks and many a thing you shall miss But true treasure awaits in the end, for what you stand to get is what the Bard had deep in his heart and shared with us to find out that Wisdom is the only path.

<u>The Gold Casket</u> Don't believe everything you see

whatever shínes ísn't gold. Want less and let ít be and don't be so greedy. You will get your shíny gold but, alas, gold ít shan't be.

The Silver Casket

It seems that you are afraid to lose that's why this box you choose. If you want to win the prize risk you must and thus, get a surprise. Don't forget, we make our own fate So take the pen and your own story create.

The Lead Cascet

You chose me, not for silver or gold It is wisdom you seek and that of a God! But be warned, HE is not only one, nor is wisdom the property of just one man. To gain it you must risk and on the way, a lot to miss. But in the end, the Bard will reward all the troubles you have forgone...

The Gold Casket

You, who chose me, gold you seek, but gold you will not get, nothing more than just a fake. All that glitters isn' t gold, the more you seek, the less you' ll hold and for evermore your heart is cold. When you see behind the shine you might gain much more than this, rich you' ll be, but not in dime, but you will have earned a fuller life.

You, who chose me, chances you don't take nor do you rísk to lose everything that you have gained. Fate will not award you with nothing more or less than what you yourself have brought you and not a penny less. So, write away your story and leave to us the rest.

The Silver Casket

The Lead Casket

You who chose me, Since neither gold nor silver is what you desire Courage is your mystery and after that you dire If wisdom is what you do seek Then wisdom you shall gain Cause wisdom isn't only His But for all of us to bear. So read away His play of Venice To learn of Shylock the Jew's menace And be of all there is aware and if in Antonio's place, prepare!

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