



# Les Misérables

## Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 **a** The Battle of Waterloo.  
**b** Victor Hugo was born.  
**c** Hugo wrote *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*.  
**d** Hugo's daughter drowned.  
**e** The revolution against King Louis-Philippe.  
**f** Hugo was forced to leave France.  
**g** Hugo wrote *Les Misérables*.  
**h** Hugo returned to France.  
**i** Hugo died.
- 3 **a** aristocracy, barber, concierge, guardian, prostitute  
**b** coffin, doll, grille, mattress, stockings, stove, wig
- 4 **a** sister, servant  
**b** robbery, escape  
**c** tree-cutter, sister, (seven) children  
**d** silver, candlesticks  
**e** coin, chimney sweep/boy  
**f** hair, teeth  
**g** admired/respected, suspicious  
**h** courtroom, Jean Valjean  
**i** Fantine, daughter
- 5 **a** Jean Valjean is bitter because of the injustice he has suffered; desperate for food and shelter; ashamed after he steals money from Petit-Gervais; and confused when the bishop saves him from the police.  
**b** The Bishop of Digne is modest because he lives a simple life despite his position, and popular because everyone loves him.  
**c** Neither man is dangerous. (Valjean is dishonest but not violent.)
- 6 **a** 7 – for fighting in the street  
**b** 8 – at M. Madeleine when he tries to help her.  
**c** 2 – leaving her with the Thénardiens.  
**d** 4 – to buy a woollen dress for her daughter  
**e** 5 – to pay for her daughter's medicine  
**f** 3 – because people discover that she is an unmarried mother  
**g** 9 – because M. Madeleine promises to look after her and her daughter  
**h** 10 – a fever, because she has been walking the streets as a prostitute.  
**i** 1 – because she has been made pregnant by a man who abandons her  
**j** 6 – because the Thénardiens demand more money and she has nothing else to sell

## 7–8 Open answers

- 9 **a** calm. **b** seems poorer than he is.  
**c** does not want to attract attention. **d** a wall.  
**e** quarrelling with his grandfather. **f** falls in love.  
**g** not talked to a concierge.
- 10 **a** false: She thinks he has no money because his clothes are poor.  
**b** false: She trusts him immediately.  
**c** true: He carries her bucket, pretends to find her lost coin and buys her a doll.  
**d** false: He only says that because he wants the stranger to be sympathetic.  
**e** false: He was a robber.  
**f** false: When he first sees her, she is young, thin and almost ugly. He falls in love with her a year later.  
**g** false: This is the name that Marius's friend gives him.  
**h** true: Marius is shy and Cosette is always with her 'father'.
- 11 **a** They don't know each other, but Marius feels obliged to find Thénardier and help him because he believes he saved his father's life at Waterloo.  
**b** They dislike each other. M. Gillenormand thinks Pontmercy only married his daughter for her money. Pontmercy thinks M. Gillenormand is an old fool.  
**c** Marius hates M. Gillenormand for the unjust way he treated his father. M. Gillenormand is angry with Marius for visiting his father's grave.  
**d** They are attracted to each other. Marius watches her every day in the Luxembourg Gardens. Cosette looks at him shyly.

## 12–14 Open answers

- 15 **a** Marius, the Thénardiens **b** Thénardier  
**c** Javert, Marius **d** Éponine, Marius  
**e** Marius, Thénardier **f** Éponine, Marius, Cosette  
**g** Marius, Cosette
- 16 **a** They help Marius discover that all the letters are written by the same person.  
**b** Marius uses it to pretend to the Thénardiens that the police are coming.  
**c** Marius can see into the Thénardiens' room through it.  
**d** Marius cannot fire the warning shot. If he did, Thénardier, whom he had promised to protect, would be arrested.  
**e** Marius wraps Éponine's handwriting around it and throws it into the Thénardiens' room.



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- f** Valjean uses it to escape from Javert.  
**g** Marius leaves a book of love poems for Cosette under it.  
**h** It is a happy month for Marius and Cosette because they meet each other every day in Cosette's garden.  
**i** Marius scratches his address on the wall with it.
- 17 a** He sends money to Thénardier in prison.  
**b** She really wants him to show her love.  
**c** They are worried. Marius does not want Cosette to leave France without him, and Cosette does not know Marius's plans for the following evening.
- 18** Open answers
- 19 a** 4 **b** 3 **c** 7 **d** 2 **e** 1 **f** 5 **g** 8 **h** 9 **i** 6
- 20 a** M. Gillenormand refuses to give Marius permission to marry Cosette.  
**b** Marius is talking to M. Gillenormand, who advises him to be Cosette's lover, not her husband.  
**c** Enjolras threatens to have Javert killed because he is a police spy.  
**d** Éponine is talking to Marius about Cosette's letter.  
**e** Valjean is addressing the married men at the barricade after he has provided an extra National Guard uniform.  
**f** Enjolras is talking to Marius about the gun crew leader that he has shot.  
**g** Valjean is talking to Enjolras about Javert.  
**h** Javert is talking to Valjean after Valjean has saved his life.
- 21 a** When Marius calls him 'grandfather', M. Gillenormand becomes friendlier.  
**b** Enjolras and the rebels build a barricade there.  
**c** Fighting starts there when soldiers block the funeral of General Lamarque.  
**d** Éponine wears these so that she can fight on the barricade.  
**e** This is Cosette's new address.  
**f** Valjean reads the backwards handwriting of Cosette's message to Marius in the mirror.  
**g** Valjean offers it to save the life of the fifth married man at the barricade.  
**h** Enjolras dies with a sword in his hand.
- 22 a** His heart is broken by the disappearance of Cosette, and he wants to die.  
**b** He has to save Marius's life.  
**c** He is embarrassed, because he does not understand why Valjean has done it.  
**d** Open answers
- 23** Open answers
- 24 a** X **b** ✓ **c** X **d** X **e** ✓ **f** ✓ **g** X **h** ✓  
**i** X **j** ✓
- 25 a** He is confused: He cannot understand Valjean's kindness and gentle nature.  
**b** He is happy and amazed at M. Gillenormand's change of attitude.  
**c** She is happy but confused, because she does not know who it is from.  
**d** He is angry about Valjean's lack of interest.  
**e** He is proud, because he has helped to make Cosette happy; sad, because he is no longer the most important man in her life; troubled, because no one knows the truth about him.  
**f** He is shocked and confused. He does not know why Valjean has told him.  
**g** She is upset and confused; she is afraid that she has offended him.  
**h** He is angry, because he learns that Valjean has robbed and murdered M. Madeleine.  
**i** He is happy, because he learns that Valjean is the man who saved his life and that Valjean is not really a thief or murderer.  
**j** He is happy and peaceful, because Cosette is at his side and he knows that she still loves him.
- 26–37** Open answers

### Discussion activities key

1–37 Open answers

### Activity worksheets key

- 1 a** Jean Valjean  
**b** Mme Magoloire  
**c** Mlle Baptistine  
**d** the Bishop of Digne  
**e** Petit-Gervais  
**f** Mme Thénardier  
**g** Fantine
- 2 a** 2 **b** 3 **c** 7 **d** 6 **e** 5 **f** 4 **g** 1
- 3 a** 5 **b** 2 **c** 6 **d** 1 **e** 3 **f** 4 **g** 7
- 4 a** I'm coming Madame ... It is all true. I was afraid that it was just a dream. (page 27)  
**b** Valjean spend all day making preparations to leave. (page 30)  
**c** Seven or eight soldiers were moving slowly along the lane in his direction. (page 30)
- 5 a** i **b** v **c** iv **d** vi **e** ii **f** iii



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- 6 a food > letters  
b covered > looked through  
c cleaned the house > broke a window  
d strangers > Valjean and Cosette OR M. Leblanc and Mlle Lanoire
- 7 a an envelope containing a notebook with love poems.  
b the man we had seen in the Luxembourg Gardens.  
c I saw the young man.  
d kissed.  
e my father and I have to leave.  
f promised me so.
- 8 a M. Gillenormand to Marius about having left.  
b M. Gillenormand to Marius about the girl he wants to marry.  
c Marius to his grandfather after the old man refused to allow him to get married.  
d Éponine to Marius about the fight that is about to start.  
e Enjolras to Javert after tying him to a post for being a spy.  
f Éponine to Marius telling him that she put herself in front of the soldier's hand.  
g Valjean to himself when he saw Cosette's message to Marius.
- 9 a T b T c F d T e F f F g F
- 10 a iii b iv c vi d v e ii f i
- 11 a i b v c iv d iii e ii
- 12 a again did not allow him to do so > approved of it.  
b she started crying > they kissed.  
c a stranger > himself.  
d two daughters > surviving daughter.  
e M. Gillenormand > Jean Valjean
- 13 Open answers

### Progress test key

- 1 a Jean Valjean was helped by the bishop.  
b The bishop told Valjean that he had bought his soul from the devil and given it to God.  
c The Thénardiens wanted money to look after Cosette.  
d Cosette had the dog and the cat for her companions.  
e Javert did not take Fantine to prison because M. Madeleine persuaded him not to.
- 2 a ✓ b ✗ c ✓ d ✓ e ?
- 3 a i b ii c ii
- 4 a *picked it up and later on opened it.*  
b *'be careful the police are coming'.*  
c *he should shoot both of them.*  
d *left his home to live with Enjolras.*  
e *paler and thinner.*  
f *scratched it on the wall with his knife.*
- 5 a aristocracy  
b stronghold; barricades  
c cannons  
d blot  
e coffin
- 6 a ✗ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✓ f ✗
- 7 a ✓ b ✓ c ✓ d ✗ e ✗