

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.*
- 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 ✗