

You can type your response directly on the sheet by clicking in the boxes below each question.

Lesson 1

Les Misérables By Victor Hugo

Main Characters:	
Jean Valjean	Inspector Javert
Cosette-Fantine's Daughter	Fantine-the prostitute and Cosette's mother
Maris	The Bishop
Sister Simplice-Nun who works for Valjean	Fauchelevant-the gardener (man under the cart)
The Thenardiers-inn keepers watching Cosette	

- 1) What do you think the quote at the beginning of the movie means?

- 2) Do you think Jean Valjean was correct to steal the bread?

- 3) What view did Inspector Javert have on the relation of law and morality?

- 4) What view did Jean Valjean have of law and morality?

- 5) How did Jean Valjean and Javert each view justice?
- 6) What did Jean Valjean and Javert each think of mercy?
- 7) How did the bishop affect justice by refusing to press charges against Jean Valjean?
- 8) Why did the bishop and Jean Valjean value mercy, and why could Inspector Javert never allow for mercy? What made the difference?
- 9) Do you think Valjean let go of the rope on purpose or accident? If on purpose, do you think he helped that man so he could escape?

- 10) What led Jean Valjean's housekeeper (Sister Simplice) to lie? When do you think she lied? Was it moral or immoral for her to lie? What did Jean Valjean think of her lie? What led Inspector Javert to refuse to believe she could ever lie?
- 11) Javert also witnessed the three times that Valjean helped to save someone. Why do you think Valjean did that while Javert did not?
- 12) While in prison, Valjean says, "I'll kill you," to Javert. Later, he has the opportunity. Why does he not do it?
- 13) In deciding to commit suicide, what issue did Inspector Javert face? What choices did he have, and what choice did he make?
- 14) Victor Hugo's story title is *Les Miserable*, which means "the miserable ones" or "the destitute." Who in the story was "miserable" or "destitute"?