

Name: .....

**1 Tick  the six true things about Monsieur Charles Myriel from Chapter One.**

- 1  He gave most of his money to the poor.
- 2  He let the hospital move into the bishop's palace.
- 3  He lived simply.
- 4  He lived with his two sisters.
- 5  He often worked in the school helping to teach the children.
- 6  He was about 55.
- 7  He was always happy and often laughed like a schoolboy.
- 8  He was kind.
- 9  He was the Bishop of Digne.
- 10  His furniture was very expensive.

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**2 Complete the information about the stranger in Chapter One.**

**Name:** 1 .....

**Age:** about 2 .....

**Described as:** a 3 ..... , 4 ..... man, with very  
5 ..... hair and a 6 ..... beard

**Wearing:** old, 7 ..... clothes

**Arrived in town:** on 8 .....

**Has been in:** 9 ..... for 10 ..... years

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**3 Answer the questions about Chapter One.**

**1** Why was the stranger in prison?

**a** .....

**b** .....

2 What did the bishop’s servant bring the stranger to eat?

- a .....
- b .....
- c .....
- d .....

3 What did the stranger steal?

- a .....
- b .....

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**4 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–h) below. There are three extra sentences.**

One spring evening in 1818, a tired young woman walked down the street of Montfermeil, near Paris, carrying a child. <sup>1</sup>..... Three years earlier, at the age of 15, she left her poor village of Montreuil-sur-Mer to look for a better life in Paris. <sup>2</sup>..... But poor Fantine knew little about the world and after two years was left alone with a little daughter. Now, she was going back to her old village of Montreuil-sur-Mer to find work.

“But how can I, an unmarried woman, work with a child?” thought Fantine, miserably.

She reached an old inn called the Sergeant of Waterloo and stopped outside. A mother sat watching her two little girls playing under a huge cart. <sup>3</sup>.....

“You have two lovely children,” Fantine said to her.

“Thank you,” replied the woman. “I’m Madame Thénardier. My husband and I own this inn.”

“I’ve walked from Paris,” Fantine explained. “My husband is dead and I must find work.” <sup>4</sup>.....

“What’s your little one’s name?” asked Madame Thénardier.

“Cosette. She’s nearly three.”

“So is my eldest. Look at them playing so happily together, like sisters!”

Suddenly, Fantine took Madame Thénardier’s hand. “Will you look after my child?” she said.

<sup>5</sup>.....

“You see, I can’t get a job with a child,” said Fantine.

- a At first, Fantine was luckier than her daughter.
- b Her name was Fantine and she was very beautiful, with hair the colour of sunlight.
- c The plan was agreed.
- d Madame Thénardier loved her own daughters, but she hated Cosette.
- e Madame Thénardier looked surprised but did not answer.
- f There, she met a rich young man who became the love of her life.
- g She put her child down and the little girl ran off to play with the others.
- h She was tall and strong, like a soldier’s wife.

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**5 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Two.**

- 1 What kind of factory did Monsieur Madeleine start?
  - a a candle factory
  - b a clothes factory
  - c a furniture factory
  - d a jewellery factory
- 2 Who did not like Mayor Madeleine?
  - a a policeman named Javert
  - b an old man named Fauchelevent
  - c Monsieur and Madame Thénardier
  - d the Bishop of Digne
- 3 Which of these things is true about Mayor Madeleine?
  - a He was very funny.
  - b He was very scared.
  - c He was very strong.
  - d He was very thin.
- 4 Why did the factory director order Fantine to leave?
  - a Because she argued with people.
  - b Because she had a child and was unmarried.
  - c Because she made mistakes.
  - d Because she would not marry him.
- 5 How much money did Fantine get for her blonde hair?
  - a 10 francs
  - b 20 francs
  - c 30 francs
  - d 40 francs
- 6 Where did Fantine go to work next?
  - a at a café
  - b in a big house
  - c in a different town
  - d on the streets

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**6** For each question about Chapter Three, choose the correct answer: **A** (*a young man*), **B** (*Javert*) or **C** (*Mayor Madeleine*).

- |  |          |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 Who called Fantine ugly?                             | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 2 Who did Fantine think started all her troubles?      | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 3 Who laughed at Fantine?                              | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 4 Who ordered Fantine to be released?                  | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 5 Who threw snow at Fantine's back?                    | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 6 Who took Fantine to the police station?              | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 7 Who tried to argue that Fantine should go to prison? | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |

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**7** Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box.

then      an hour later      when      suddenly      the next morning

- 1 ..... the mayor arrived at the trial in Arras, he proved that he was the real Valjean.
- 2 ..... , he was at Fantine's side with the doctor when she woke.
- 3 ..... , Javert appeared.
- 4 ..... , he turned to Fantine, picked up her hand and kissed it.
- 5 ..... , Valjean was walking quickly away from Montreuil through the trees, in the direction of Paris.

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**8** List the things from Chapter Four that Cosette had to do in the inn.

- a .....
- b .....
- c .....

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**9 Complete the conversation between Valjean and Monsieur and Madame Thénardier in Chapter Four. Choose the best answers a–g below. There are two extra answers.**

Madame Thénardier: We have no room, Monsieur.

Valjean: <sup>1</sup> .....

Madame Thénardier: All right.

Valjean: <sup>2</sup> .....

Madame Thénardier: Oh no! Her mother left her here years ago. But we think that she may be dead because she hasn't replied to our last letter.

Valjean: <sup>3</sup> .....

Monsieur Thénardier: But we love that little girl. She's like a daughter to us. And I don't even know your name.

Valjean: <sup>4</sup> .....

Monsieur Thénardier: I must have 1,500 francs.

Valjean: <sup>5</sup> .....

- a Bring Cosette now.
- b Please give me the bucket when we get there.
- c I can sleep on the floor, and I'll still pay for a room.
- d If I take her, I will not tell you my name or where I live. You'll never see her again. Do you agree? Yes or no?
- e You've been a long time.
- f I'm sure that it costs you a lot to look after that child. Why don't I take her away?
- g Is this child yours?

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**10 Complete the text. Choose the correct words from the box. There are two extra words.**

convent    took off    hidden    beat    nuns    reached    cart    simple

Valjean <sup>1</sup> ..... his scarf and quickly put it under Cosette's arms. "Stand with your back against the wall while I climb up," he said. Then, he pulled himself up the wall and lay down on top of it. "Now, pass me the ends of the scarf," he told Cosette as he <sup>2</sup> ..... down. She felt herself lifted from the ground on to the wall.

Valjean could hear Javert's voice shouting to the other policeman. With Cosette on his back, he made his way along the wall, reached a tree and climbed down to the ground.

They were in a garden and an old man was walking towards them.

"Please help us!" Valjean said, quickly. "I'll give you 100 francs."

"Mayor Madeleine!" said the old man, in surprise. It was Fauchelevent, the old man from Montreuil who fell under the <sup>3</sup> ..... years ago.

"What are you doing here?" Valjean asked.

“You got me a job here at this <sup>4</sup> ..... as a gardener. Don’t you remember? But what about you? Have you and the child fallen from the skies?”

“Please help us,” said Valjean. “The child is very cold and needs to rest.”

Half an hour later, Cosette was asleep by the fire in the gardener’s <sup>5</sup> ..... little house. Fauchelevent brought Valjean bread, cheese and wine.

“No other men are allowed in the convent,” he said to Valjean. “But I’ll tell the <sup>6</sup> ..... that I have a brother who can come to help me with the garden.

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## 11 Complete the text from Chapter Five with the missing words.

*Many years <sup>1</sup> ..... and by 1828 the inn at Montfermeil, the Sergeant of Waterloo, was closed. The Thénardiens were gone.*

*One day, a young man arrived there, looking for Monsieur Thénardier. “He left years <sup>2</sup> ..... No one knows where that family is,” he was told.*

*“Monsieur Thénardier saved my father’s life at Waterloo,” the young man replied. “I must find him and thank him!” For the young man’s name was Marius Pontmercy and he was Georges Pontmercy’s only son.*

*<sup>3</sup> ..... a child, Marius knew nothing about his father. He lived near Paris with his grandfather, Monsieur Gillenormand, and only knew that his grandfather hated his father. Monsieur Gillenormand <sup>4</sup> ..... wanted his daughter to marry the soldier Georges Pontmercy, who fought for Napoleon. Napoleon lost at Waterloo and Monsieur Gillenormand hated him, too.*

*After Marius’s mother died, Monsieur Gillenormand took the little child and never allowed him to see his father. He threw <sup>5</sup> ..... the loving letters that Pontmercy wrote to his son.*

*When Marius was 17, he began to study at a college in the centre of Paris. One day, his grandfather said, “Your father is sick and wants to see you.” Marius was surprised. He believed <sup>6</sup> ..... his father was not interested in him, so he did not love him. By the time Marius arrived, his father was dead.*

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**12** Read the letters. Choose the correct description (a, b or c).

1

*A soldier called Thénardier saved my life at Waterloo.  
I believe that he was an innkeeper in Montfermeil.  
If my son ever meets this man,  
I hope that he will be good to him.*

- a Marius's father does not know who saved his life, but wants Marius to find him and be kind to him.
- b Marius's father thinks that the man who saved his life would be kind to Marius if he found him.
- c Marius's father hopes that Marius will find and be kind to the man that saved his life.

2

*Dear neighbour,  
I learned that you kindly paid my rent a few weeks ago.  
Thank you, young man. We haven't eaten for two days and  
my wife is sick. Can I hope that you'll be kind to us again?  
My daughter can tell you how hungry we are  
and she'll wait for your answer.  
Jondrette*

- a The man wants his daughters to ask their neighbour for some money for rent.
- b The man wants his neighbour to give his daughters some money.
- c The man wants to thank his neighbour for offering money to his daughters.

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**13** Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

<sup>1</sup> **a** Ago    leaving his grandfather's house, Marius knew what it was like to be poor. But this girl's  
**b** For  
**c** Since  
**d** Yet

life was totally different. It was real misery. <sup>2</sup> **a** How    terrible to see children with no shoes on  
**b** That  
**c** What  
**d** When

their feet and with nothing <sup>3</sup> **a** ate ! Marius was angry with himself for not caring more

- b** eat
- c** eating
- d** to eat

<sup>4</sup> **a** about his neighbours before. He often heard their voices through the wall, but he never

- b** after
- c** of
- d** with

usually thought about them.

Later that morning, he was looking at the wall between him and his neighbours when he noticed a

hole near the top. He climbed on a chair and looked <sup>5</sup> **a** at the hole into a dark and dirty

- b** in
- c** through
- d** up

room, with little furniture and one window. Jondrette was by the fire, and his wife and youngest

daughter <sup>6</sup> **a** have lain on the beds.

- b** are lying
- c** lay
- d** were lying

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**14** Read these sentences about Chapter Six. Write T (*true*) or F (*false*) or DS (*does not say*).

- 1** Jondrette lights a fire when the kind man comes to visit his family. ....
- 2** His youngest daughter breaks a window. ....
- 3** Jondrette's wife is very unhappy. ....
- 4** Marius sees his angel through the hole in the wall. ....
- 5** Jondrette is happy to receive some clothes. ....
- 6** The young woman does not believe Jondrette's story. ....

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**15 Circle the correct words.**

- 1 Marius did not understand **what** / **why** Jondrette and his wife were talking about.
- 2 But he knew **that** / **which** something terrible could happen to his angel and her father.
- 3 “Wait for the men to arrive, and, **when** / **where** you think that it’s gone far enough, fire the gun once as a sign to me.”
- 4 “The man **what** / **who** saved my dear father’s life?”
- 5 Now he could not fire the gun **with** / **without** putting his angel in danger.

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**16 Match the two parts of the sentences from Chapter Eight.**

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| 1 For a while after his escape from Thénardier,          | ..... |
| 2 Thénardier was another person that                     | ..... |
| 3 Then, there was the young man                          | ..... |
| 4 Valjean could see that Marius was in love with Cosette | ..... |
| 5 He hated this young stranger who                       | ..... |
| 6 When Marius followed them home,                        | ..... |
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- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| a and that she loved him back.        |  |
| b from the Luxembourg Gardens.        |  |
| c he needed to hide from.             |  |
| d might take his dear child away.     |  |
| e Valjean knew that they had to move. |  |
| f Valjean was worried.                |  |

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**17 Match the people with what they do in Chapter Eight. Draw lines between them.**

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Éponine               | a decides that he and Cosette should leave Paris |
| Marius                | b finds Cosette                                  |
| Valjean               | c laughs at the idea of marrying a poor woman    |
| Monsieur Gillenormand | d tells Cosette that he loves her                |

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**18 Complete the text. Use one word for each gap.**

Marius was in <sup>1</sup> ..... . He walked the streets until the early hours of the morning and finally went home to Courfeyrac's place and threw himself on his <sup>2</sup> ..... . When he woke up, Courfeyrac was hurrying out.

"Haven't you heard? The new <sup>3</sup> ..... is beginning!" Courfeyrac said, excitedly. "Are you coming to the <sup>4</sup> ..... ?"

Marius did not know what his friend was talking about. But that evening, before he went to see Cosette, he put Javert's <sup>5</sup> ..... in his coat, without knowing why. When he reached the house in Plumet Street, Cosette was not in the garden. The house was in darkness. He ran to the door and knocked <sup>6</sup> ..... , not caring about her father.

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**19 Complete these lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.**

the city holding its breath	a black sky	silent houses	a storm of light
a storm of noise	brave	frightened	things were not real
			lots of soldiers

**What Marius felt:** .....

**What Marius heard:** .....

**What Marius saw:** .....

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**20 Read the answers. Write the questions about Chapter Nine.**

**1** .....  
The spy was Javert.

**2** .....  
"Long live France! Long live the future!" Courfeyrac and his men shouted.

**3** .....  
Éponine was dressed as a man.

**4** .....  
Éponine put her head on his knees.

**5** .....  
Little Gavroche is Éponine's brother.

**6** .....  
Because their parents did not want him.

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**21 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.**

Valjean was sitting<sup>1</sup> ..... outside a house in Homme-Armé Street. He could hear the sound of<sup>2</sup> ..... in another part of the city. Paris was full of police and soldiers, and he was afraid that they might find him.

After a while, a small boy appeared through the<sup>3</sup> .....

“I have a letter for number 7,” the boy said.

“That’s my address. Give it to me,”<sup>4</sup> ..... Valjean.

“But it’s for a woman. It comes from the Chanvrière Street barricade.”

“If it’s for Miss Cosette, I’ll give it to her.”

Gavroche agreed and<sup>5</sup> ..... off. Valjean went inside with Marius’s letter and read it<sup>6</sup> ..... . “The man that I hate is going to die, without me doing<sup>7</sup> ....., ” thought Valjean.

“I just have to keep this letter and Cosette will never know about it. But I must go to Chanvrière Street to be<sup>8</sup> .....

MISERABLE

FIGHT

DARK

REPLY

RUNNING

QUICK

THING

SURELY

...../8

**22 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.**

That night, while the soldiers were sleeping, Courfeyrac and his men made the barricade<sup>1</sup> ..... . When they were finished, Marius sat with his head in his hands, waiting for the attack in the morning. Then, he heard a noise and looked up. Cosette’s father, Monsieur Fauchelevent, was there. He did not understand how this was possible, but<sup>2</sup> ..... felt like a dream to him now.

“Who is this man?” asked Courfeyrac.

“I know him,” said Marius. But Monsieur Fauchelevent did not look at him.

“Then welcome,” said Courfeyrac. “You know that we’re all going to die?”

Javert also looked up and stared at Valjean.

Courfeyrac and his men did not have much longer to wait. Soon, a terrible noise<sup>3</sup> ..... be heard along the street.

“They’re bringing a cannon!” said Courfeyrac. At the same time, Gavroche appeared.

Marius hurried towards him. “Why are you here? Did you deliver<sup>4</sup> ..... letter?”

“Of course,” said Gavroche.

But Marius was worried that the boy was back. He was<sup>5</sup> ..... to keep Gavroche safe.

“They have a cannon!” said Gavroche. “We can fight back, but we need more bullets!” He climbed over the barricade, and began to pick<sup>6</sup> ..... bullets from the dead soldiers.

1 **a** big                      **b** bigger                      **c** biggest                      **d** more big

2 **a** anything                **b** everything                **c** nothing                      **d** something

3 **a** could                      **b** might                      **c** should                      **d** would

4 **a** me                          **b** mine                          **c** my                              **d** myself

5 **a** hope                        **b** hoped                        **c** hoping                        **d** to hope

6 **a** in                              **b** out                              **c** over                              **d** up

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**23 Match the names in the box with the facts about them.**

Marius	Courfeyrac	Valjean	Javert	Thénardier	Gavroche
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- ..... ran to ....., but it was too late. He was dead.
- ..... brought back my father alive,” he thought, “but I’m bringing his child back dead.”
- “The end is coming,” ..... told his men. “And we’ll fight to the end.”
- ..... untied the ropes round .....’s feet and the policeman stood up.

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**24 Read the questions. Write one-word answers about Chapter Eleven.**

- Who carried Marius away from the barricade?  
.....
- Where did he put Marius?  
On his .....
- What did he climb into?  
A .....
- Did he know if Marius was alive?  
.....
- Where were they in Paris?  
In the .....
- Whose address did he find in Marius’s notebook?  
His .....

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**25 Choose the correct answers and circle the correct words about Chapter Eleven.**

Javert walked along the river to a place where the water ran ... .

**a fast / slow**

His mind was full of ..... and ..... thoughts.

**b confusing / confused      c terrified / terrifying**

He understood good and ....., but he did not understand Valjean.

**d bad / evil**

“A ..... gave me my life. A bad man did a good thing. How’s that possible?” he thought.

**e convict / policeman**

“My life has always been ..... . Until now, I’ve always known what is right and what is wrong. I cannot bear this .....”

**f difficult / simple**

Javert climbed ..... the bridge and looked down into the dark water.

**g on to / under**

He ..... his hat and laid it on the wall.

**h put on / took off**

A moment later, he was standing on the wall. Suddenly, he jumped ..... and fell into the darkness.

**i back / forward**

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**26 Answer the questions about Chapter Twelve. Choose numbers from the box.**

two      four months      nineteen years      20,000 francs      600,000 francs

**1** How long was Marius ill for?

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**2** How much money did Valjean give Cosette as a wedding present?

.....

**3** How long was Valjean a convict for?

.....

**4** How much money did Thénardier want from Marius to tell him about Valjean?

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**5** How many candlesticks did Valjean leave Cosette?

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**27 Change the reported speech into direct speech.**

1 The mayor told her that he wanted him, not her.

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2 He told them that he had been a soldier at the Battle of Waterloo.

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3 She told the Monsieur that they had no room.

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4 The old servant told him that his father loved him very much.

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5 The doorman told him that they had moved.

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6 He told himself that Cosette did not love him any more because she had gone without waiting for him.

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**28 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words.**

Use the correct tense.

look after      take away      come back      get out of      pick up

1 He climbed over the barricade, and began to lift bullets from the dead soldiers.

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2 “Now take this money, go to America and never return!”

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3 Valjean stared at the child. Then, he got to his feet and shouted, “Leave here!”

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4 “I’m sure that it costs you a lot to care for that child. Why don’t I remove her?”

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**29** Complete the lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

spy	fire	prison	hide	argue	mayor	palace
	beat	inn	sewers	landlord	revolutionary	

**Actions:** .....

**People:** .....

**Places:** .....

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**30** Match the words in the box with the definitions. There are two extra words.

shoot	jewellery	lock	breathe	lift	release
	simple	calm	stranger	honest	prove
					convent

**1** A person who you do not know. ....

**2** To use a gun because you want to hurt or kill someone. ....

**3** To let someone leave a prison or other place where they were kept. ....

**4** To take air into and out of your body through your nose and mouth. ....

**5** A person who says what is true and does not lie, steal or do bad things to people. ....

**6** A building where nuns live and work. ....

**7** To move someone or something up. ....

**8** A person who is not angry, frightened or worried. ....

**9** Beautiful things that you wear on your neck or hands, like rings, etc. ....

**10** To show that something is true. ....

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