

**SUMMER READING**  
**British/World Literature**  
**College Prep Seniors**

**LES MISERABLES**  
**Victor Hugo**

Your paper must be typed and is due the second day of school. Each question requires at least two well-developed paragraphs. You must provide at least one concrete detail for every commentary. In other words, you must back up everything you say with textual evidence. Address all aspects of each question. Enjoy this novel as have millions of readers before you.

1. Describe the Bishop's exact reaction to Jean-Valjean AND to the police when they present him with the "evidence". How does this act of mercy affect the entire course of the novel? Recount distinct situations (at least 5 throughout the novel) where you know Jean-Valjean is remembering the Bishop. Please number each of the 5 so that it can be efficiently determined that you've followed directions.
2. If the Bishop evokes that dawn of virtue for Jean-Valjean, how does Cosette affect the quality and choices of Jean-Valjean's life? (Provide at least 5 ways.) Please number the 5 ways, so that it can be determined quickly that you've followed directions.
3. Recount Jean-Valjean's harrowing rescue of Marius. Describe the complexities of Jean-Valjean where Marius is concerned.
4. Describe Jean-Valjean's death. What final understanding unfolds for all involved before he passes away?