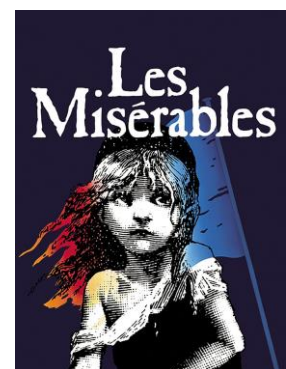






1. Story Introduction: background information

<p>1 Novel: <i>Les Misérables</i> (悲慘世界) Author: Victor Hugo (Written in 1862, in French) Main character: Jean Valjean What's the book about: This book <u>depicts</u> Valjean's life long <u>struggle</u> with the law during a time of economic and social <u>depression</u>.</p>			
<p>2 The importance and effect of labeling: (The interpretations of this new identity) As a <u>parolee</u>, Valjean is <u>branded</u> an <u>outcast</u> and his passport (his identification card) is yellow colored, which <u>identifies</u> him to all as a <u>former offender</u> much like Hester Prynne in <i>The Scarlet Letter</i>. (紅字)</p>			
<p>A story about law, justice, good, evil, <u>ethics</u> and <u>virtue</u>. All characters struggle for <u>redemption</u> and <u>revolution</u>.</p>			

2. Game: Story Line Puzzle

Life is like a puzzle.
 Reading is like puzzle-solving.
 Let's have fun finding the key to the puzzle!



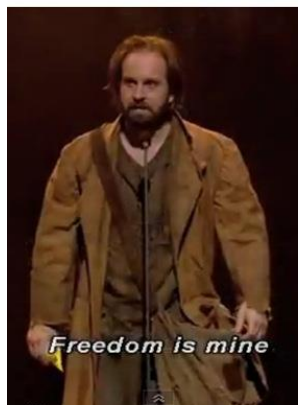
<p> Story Line Puzzle-A</p>  <p><i>I know the meaning of those 19 years</i></p> <p>Valjean was arrested for stealing and stayed in prison for 19 years</p>	<p> Story Line Puzzle-B</p>  <p><i>There is wine here to revive you</i></p> <p><i>There is bread to make you strong</i></p> <p><i>There's a bed to rest till morning</i></p> <p>A bishop invited him to dine and stay</p>
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 Story Line Puzzle-C



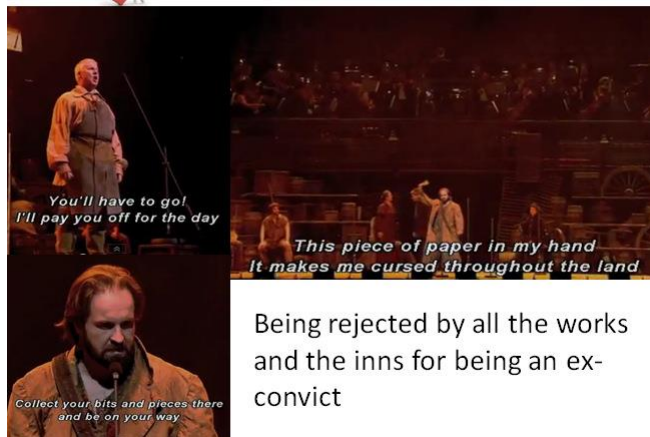
Valjean was captured for stealing from the bishop

 Story Line Puzzle-D



Valjean got out of prison after 19 years of imprisonment

 Story Line Puzzle-E



Being rejected by all the works and the inns for being an ex-convict

 Story Line Puzzle-F



And took my flight!

He slipped away after stealing the bishop's silverware

 Story Line Puzzle-G

Biggest puzzle of all: The bishop's kindness and love changed him and made him an honest man





My puzzle-solving(我的答案)：

3. How way leads on to way

Poem: **The Road Not Taken** by Robert Frost (1874–1963)

TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth; 5
 Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same, 10
 And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back. 15
 I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference. 20

Notes



4. Homework

Read the whole story in our text book and answer the following questions.

(1) Being forgiven by the bishop, did Jean Valjean stop stealing right away?

(2) What do you think are the reasons for his stealing?

(3) If you were Jean Valjean, would you do the same crime?

(4) Which incidents changed Jean and made him a bitter man? Which incidents made him a free and honest man? (multiple choices question)

A. Being forgiven by the bishop	D. Being punished by the law
B. Being in prison for 19 years	E. Realizing that he stole from a boy out of habit
C. Being given a second chance	F. Being rejected to the owners of the inns in Digne

(5) If you encounter someone like Jean, would you give him a second chance? Why and why not?