

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of Les Misérables and its themes, characters, and historical context.

Materials and Prep

- Copy of Les Misérables book or access to the movie
- Pen and paper for note-taking
- Basic knowledge of the French Revolution

Activities

- **Character Analysis:** Choose a character from Les Misérables and create a character profile detailing their traits, motivations, and actions.
- **Historical Research:** Research the French Revolution and its impact on society, then discuss how it is portrayed in the book or movie.
- **Music Connection:** Listen to songs from Les Misérables soundtrack and analyze how the lyrics reflect the characters' emotions.
- **Math Challenge:** Calculate the time period between key events in the story and create a timeline to visualize the sequence of events.
- **Science Exploration:** Explore the themes of justice and morality in the story and discuss ethical dilemmas faced by the characters.
- **Language Practice:** Learn and practice useful French phrases related to the story, such as "Je suis désolé" (I am sorry) or "Merci beaucoup" (Thank you very much).

Talking Points

- **English:** "What is the main theme of Les Misérables?"
- **History:** "How does the French Revolution influence the events in the story?"
- **Math:** "Can you calculate the age difference between Jean Valjean and Cosette?"
- **Music:** "How does the music in Les Misérables enhance the storytelling?"
- **Science:** "What ethical decisions do characters like Jean Valjean face in the story?"
- **Social Studies:** "How does the social hierarchy in 19th century France impact the characters' lives?"