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Rational: *Les Miserables* is a wonderful novel that teaches more than a historical event of the French Revolution, but it teaches life long lessons as well. This story is a character building, uplifting account of a man (Jean Valjean) who portrays values of honesty and integrity. These characteristics are exposed to people as they read *Les Miserables*. As a person discovers the various themes of this novel they soon realize the book is not only an account of an escaped convict in France during the 1800's, but a story of crime vs. punishment, truth vs. survival, love and forgiveness, law vs. humanity, childhood innocence and courage, as well as sacrifice and honesty. I want to be able to teach this novel to students on a tenth or eleventh grade level. As students get older and progress within their schooling, they begin to face harder decisions in life each year. I want to advise my students to make decisions that will help them become better people. I have the choice of how I teach my students and if I can choose material that instills within them characteristics of integrity and honesty, I will do so. This is why I chose to teach *Les Miserables*; because this novel contains the characteristics I want to teach my students.