



***Les Miserables* Activities**

French History and Culture *Les Miserables* is set in France in the early 1800's. Learn more about the history of France and its unique culture. Discuss with your residents some of the ways the history has influenced Victor Hugo and his writing. [History and Culture of France](#)

Victor Hugo Quotes Victor Hugo is well known around the world for his voluminous novels and is considered one of France's greatest poets. Read and discuss some of his [inspirational quotes](#). Use the quotes to create unique and inspirational works of art. [Quotes on Canvas](#)

Bake Bread In *Les Miserables*, Jean Valjean is sent to prison for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his family. France is known for its cuisine, especially the crusty French bread. Hold a cooking lesson and fill your community with the delicious smell of baking bread. [Crusty French Bread](#)

Redemption After 19 years in prison Jean Valjean is given the chance to turn his life around and start again. Have any of your residents been given a second chance in life? Have them share their stories with each other. You can also share [these 10 incredible stories](#) of redemption.

Book Club Do you have avid readers in your community? Form a book club to read and discuss Victor Hugo's novels *Les Miserables* or *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Philanthropy Jean Valjean reinvents himself as Monsieur Madeleine, a successful factory owner and mayor of his town. He uses his wealth to help the less fortunate. Have your residents think of ways they can help the less fortunate in the community. Some ideas might be to knit or sew blankets for hospitalized children, collect food for a food bank, or tutor at risk kids.

French Test your residents' knowledge of the French language, or just have fun learning new French words and phrases. [English-French Translation](#)

Script Give the thespians in your community an opportunity to act out their favorite scene from Les Miserables. Invite family members to attend. [Les Miserables Script](#)

Traditional Dance Enjoy traditional French folk dancing, either live or in a video clip. If an instructor is available, have him give your residents dance lessons. Inviting children to join the lessons would make this a fun intergenerational activity. [Traditional French dance](#) and [French folk dance](#)

Crafts

[Revolution pin](#)

[Macaron Ornaments](#)

[Beret \(part 1\)](#)

[Beret \(part 2\)](#)

