Les Misérables

The story starts with a man named Jean Valjean, who stole bread and, as a result, was sent to prison. And it ends with this same character dying after he had fallen from grace and suffered lots of grief. It seems that the story is a tragedy, but as the plot unfolds, we see how a notorious ex-convict was transformed into a warm-hearted gentleman. That is why the story is inspiring and strikes a chord with readers around the world.

I think there is a changed strength in everyone's life whatever his or her social class is, just like Jean Valjean. He met a generous and forgiving man, the bishop, who made him understand the importance of being honest to his inner self and facing his future. I am sure that Valjean changed himself by saving many lives out of his true mind. Then, he won the respect of Montreuil's citizens and became mayor. Though he bore the tag of an ex-convict, his good deeds sparked everyone's eyes and they ignored his imperfect past. Above all, the yellow passport, which represented his identity of an ex-convict, no longer hindered Valjean from reforming himself thoroughly. If we really make up our mind to turn the tide in our life, I think God will give us the right sign and assist us along the stormy and rough way.

To me, a meaningful life must be one with a mission. It can be to serve those in need. Or it can be to protect, love, and care for someone. Valjean also had this purpose in life. He had this beloved one, Cosette, his daughter. In fact, Cosette wasn't his own daughter, but she made him feel about the duty and hope of being a father. He promised to take care of Cosette and even was willing to die for her because Cosette was the greatest gift sent to him and he loved her with all his heart and soul.

Jean Valjean escaped from his worst enemy Javert's chase and lived in the shadow of Paris with Cosette. They lived days of poverty for years, but they felt content. However, Paris fell into disruption just as Valjean fell into the deadly trap a few years later. Javert continually kept track of him, and greedy men, like the Thenardiers, were still threatening their quiet life. Meanwhile, he knew that he had to get out of trouble and fight for Cosette with all his might because instead of becoming one of the miserable, he desired to give happiness to his daughter. Finally, he fulfilled this dream and rested in peace. I deeply believe love is a philosophy that everyone can understand. For the sake of the one I love, I will willingly endure harships without any doubt .

Les Misérables tells us an impressive and dramatic story, describing the contrasts

between different social statuses in the early nineteenth century Paris. I think the author, Victor Hugo, wanted to inspire us in one way or another. He wanted us to know even if we are born in the wrost era , we still have opportunities to love, to be beloved, and to keep the good heart. As the saying goes, "God never closes a door without opening a window." So, never raise the white flag to fate. All we have to do is bravely face what things are as well as keep fighting and then happiness eventually will be with us.