Jean Valjean Vocabulary

1. Abdicate give up power or responsibility formally
2. Abnegation the denial and rejection of a doctrine or belief
3. Antechamber a large entrance or reception room/area
4. Antipathy a strong feeling of aversion or repugnance; something to be

avoided

1. August imposing, dignified, noble, honored
2. Axiom belief
3. Benign benevolent, kindly, compassionate
4. Bequeath leave or give by will after one’s death
5. Cadaverous pale, gaunt, resembling a corpse
6. Chimeras vain, foolish, incongruous imaginings
7. Cloaca the sewer
8. Conflagration a large destructive fire
9. Consecrated made or declared or believed to be holy
10. Crass insensitive and tactless
11. Dolt stupid person
12. Doggedness perseverance and tenacity
13. Disquiet uneasy, foreboding, concern
14. Encumbrance burden
15. Epiphonema a pithy summary
16. Expiate forgive, absolved
17. Farthing small value of money
18. Filial relating to or benefitting a son or daughter
19. Fustian fabric of stiff cotton and wool
20. Halberd a shafted weapon with an ax blade
21. Haggard showing the wearing effects of overwork or care or suffering
22. Heresy sacrilege or dissent from established beliefs
23. Imminent impending or about to happen
24. Incessant never-ending, relentless, persistent
25. Infallible perfect or flawless
26. In flagrante delicto caught red handed
27. Interlocutor person engaged in conversation
28. Irremediable incurable; uncorrectable
29. Knave deceitful and unreliable person; a scoundrel
30. Lanconic curt
31. Linnet small finch-like bird with yellow throat
32. Loquacity tendency to ramble
33. Lurid gaudy, garish, shocking
34. Miasmas highly unpleasant or unhealthy smell or vapor
35. Moiré designed silken fabric
36. Ossified stiffened
37. Penumbra darkness and uncertainty
38. Prodigious extraordinary, exceptional, unusual
39. Promethean daring, creative, or heroic on behalf of humanity
40. Potter’s field a cemetery for the unidentified and the poor
41. Providence fate, divine intervention
42. Propitious giving or indicating a good chance of success; favorable
43. Quai wharf
44. Rampart a mound of earth or other materials raised around a place to

serve as a fortification

1. Rendezvous a meeting, usually secret
2. Sagacious having or showing keen mental discernment; wise
3. Shakos military caps with visors and plumes
4. Semi-syncope a half-conscious person
5. Suffrage right to vote
6. Timorous nervous, fearful, timid