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DIRECTIONS: The passage below is from novel *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo. Use context clues to find the meaning of the bolded words.

Animals are nothing else than the figures of our virtues and our vices, straying before our eyes, the visible **phantoms** of our souls. God shows them to us in order to **induce** us to **reflect**. Only since animals are **mere** shadows, God has not made them capable of education in the full sense of the word; what is the use? On the **contrary**, our souls being realities and having a goal which is appropriate to them, God has **bestowed** on them intelligence; that is to say, the possibility of education. Social education, when well done, can always draw from a soul, of whatever sort it may be, the **utility** which it contains.

What do you think each of the following words or phrases mean?

1. phantoms
2. induce
3. reflect
4. mere
5. contrary
6. bestowed
7. utility

