

MAJOR WORKS Annotations & Information sheet

<p>Title: Frankenstein Author: Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley Date of Publication: 1818 Genre: Gothic science fiction</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Biographical Information about the Author</p> <p>She was born in 1797. Her mother was a feminist. Her mother died giving birth to her.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Historical & Cultural context</p> <p>Shelley was a young, well educated woman who went to the alps with her lover and she told this story as a ghost story.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Characteristics of the Genre</p> <p>It's somewhat critical of society but in subtle ways. It's often dark.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Plot Summary: make a bulleted list highlighting the main events and twists of the plot, 15 items maximum</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starts with a series of letters between Walton and his sister. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walton encounters Frankenstein. • Victor tells Walton his story, including when he went to study science at a university. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frankenstein finally learns how to create life and he secretly creates a monster. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor's receives a letter from his father saying that his brother is dead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor suspects that the monster killed his brother. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justine is killed despite being innocent. • The monster asks for Victor's forgiveness. • Victor agrees to make the monster another companion. • Victor then realizes that he can't do what he said he would and he destroys his creation, this makes the monster threaten Victor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry, Victor's friend, is killed. • Victor marries Elizabeth but she is murdered on their wedding night. • The rest is told through letters to Walton's sister, he tells her that Victor dies. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Describe the author's style</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">An example that demonstrates that style</p>
<p>The author is incredibly dark</p>	<p>We are unfashioned creatures, but half made up, if one wiser, better, dearer than ourselves — such a friend ought to be — do not lend his aid to perfectionate our weak and faulty natures.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Memorable Quotes:</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Quotations (4 examples) w/page</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Significance – in brief: save a full explication for your written analysis <i>--who, what, why, what difference it makes --</i></p>
<p>“You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings.” Letter 1</p> <p>“Of my creation and creator I was absolutely ignorant, but I knew that I possessed no money, no friends, no</p>	<p>This is Walton telling his sister that he's all right. He is also worried of becoming a failure.</p> <p>This is the monster wondering about the reason and tragedy of</p>

kind of property. I was, besides, endued with a figure hideously deformed and loathsome; I was not even of the same nature as man. I was more agile than they and could subsist upon coarser diet; I bore the extremes of heat and cold with less injury to my frame; my stature far exceeded theirs. When I looked around I saw and heard of none like me. Was I, then, a monster, a blot upon the earth, from which all men fled and whom all men disowned?" I cannot describe to you the agony that these reflections inflicted upon me; I tried to dispel them, but sorrow only increased with knowledge. Oh, that I had forever remained in my native wood, nor known nor felt beyond the sensations of hunger, thirst, and heat!
 Monster in chapter 13

"I am an unfortunate and deserted creature, I look around and I have no relation or friend upon earth. These amiable people to whom I go have never seen me and know little of me. I am full of fears, for if I fail there, I am an outcast in the world forever."
 Chapter 15

I swear to you, by the earth which I inhabit, and by you that made me, that with the companion you bestow I will quit the neighbourhood of man and dwell, as it may chance, in the most savage of places. My evil passions will have fled, for I shall meet with sympathy! My life will flow quietly away, and in my dying moments I shall not curse my maker.
 Chapter 17

thinking deeply and how he wishes that he could live like an animal and only experience the basics rather with the terribly depressing loneliness he's experiencing.

This is the monster wondering if he'll be accepted by the family whom he's been watching for some time; he's worried that if he's rejected, he'll never live a happy life.

This is the monster threatening Victor as he promises to make his life as his is, lonely and terrible.

Characters

Name	Role in the Story	Significance	Adjectives
Victor Frankenstein	The protagonist whose fate is inevitably dreary.	He guides the entire story	Passionate, ambitious, fearful
The monster	He's the antagonist and he ends up killing everyone Victor loves	He helps Victor reach his doom.	Lonely, spiteful,
Walton	An arctic seafarer who introduces us to the story and exhibits traits of the protagonist	The story is somewhat told through him, and he has traits of Victor	Ambitious, fearful

Setting (where + when)		Significance of opening scene	
<p>Eighteenth century, in Geneva, the Swiss Alps, Ingolstadt, England and Scotland, the northern ice regions</p>		<p>The significance is that we find that Walton is going through the same things that Victor went through.</p>	
Symbols you notice and what they “mean”		Significance of ending/closing scene	
<p>Light represents the existence of knowledge, something that both Victor and the monster find (the monster through reading and fire).</p>		<p>We find that Victor ended up dead in the end and all of his loved ones were lost; exactly what he was trying to prevent. It shows that you can't play God.</p>	
		Major themes	
		<p>Loyalty is a big theme, social acceptance is also another one. Forgiveness is also one.</p>	
Essay topic ideas: 3 possibilities			
<p>How are Victor and the monster similar? How does the monster embody Victor's fears? How do Walton and Victor relate to each other?</p>			