Mary Shelley’s

Frankenstein

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If you lose this packet, the creature will get you!
Letters

1. Who is Robert Walton and what is revealed about his background?

2. Who is Margaret and what do we find out about her?

3. In Letter 1, what reason does Walton offer for making his voyage?

4. At the beginning of Letter 2, what is Walton in need of?

5. What traits does the lieutenant on Walton’s ship possess?

6. What kind of man is the master of Walton’s ship?

7. What route does Walton plan to take on his voyage?

8. What attitude does Walton reveal to his sister in Letter 3?

9. What is unusual about the first words spoken by the stranger Walton tells about in letter 4?

10. How does Walton describe the stranger?

11. What news of Walton’s arouses the stranger’s interest?

12. What is the stranger’s reaction when Walton says that he will allow nothing to interfere with his journey of exploration?

13. Why does the stranger feel the polar region is an appropriate setting for the telling of his tale?

14. What is Walton’s plan?

15. What literary devices are used to close the journal entry of August 19?
Chapters 1-4

1. What were Victor Frankenstein's (the stranger's) parents like? How did they feel about each other and about their child?

2. Who is Elizabeth? Describe her. How did she come to join the Frankenstein family?

3. Why do you think Shelley waits until this point to reveal the stranger's first name?

4. Who is Henry Clerval? What is he like? How is he different from Victor?

5. What does Victor want to accomplish in life?

6. What terrible tragedy occurs as a result of Elizabeth catching scarlet fever?

7. What is Victor's mother's dying wish?

8. Why doesn't Henry Clerval attend the University at Ingolstadt with Victor?

9. Which professor does Victor like best and value most—M. Waldman or M. Krempe? Why?

10. Does Victor tell Captain Walton the secret of creating life from lifeless matter? Why or why not?

11. What task does Victor begin? Describe Victor's feelings as he goes about this task.

12. What happens to Victor near the completion of his task?

Chapters 5-8

1. Describe the appearance of the creature that Victor creates.

2. How does Victor feel about his creation? What does he do after the creature comes to life?

3. Describe Victor's disturbed dream.

4. How does Victor feel when he realizes that his creature has left the apartment?
5. Who nurses Victor during his illness?

6. Who is Justine Moritz?

7. What terrible news is contained in the letter from Victor's father?

8. What does Victor see in the midst of a violent thunderstorm?

9. What was the evidence that implicated Justine as the perpetrator of the crime?

10. Why had Justine spent the night in a barn instead of her own bed?

11. Why did Justine confess?

12. Why doesn't Victor tell his family about the monster?

13. Why does Elizabeth's speech in court hurt Justine?

14. Do you think Victor is as guilty as he feels he is? Of what, if anything, do you think he is guilty?

**Chapters 9-13**

1. What happens to Victor after Justine's death?

2. What keeps Victor from killing himself?

3. What effect have these events had on Elizabeth?

4. As Victor climbs the mountains, what effect do the mountains have on him?

5. What are Victor's feelings as his creation approaches him? What is the first thing he says to his creature?

6. With what does the creature continue to threaten Victor?
7. What does the creature say about his present position?

8. For what reason does Victor follow the creature and listen to his story?

9. What happens when the creature enters the first village after his birth?

10. Where does the creature choose to live when he leaves the forest?

11. Describe the inhabitants of the attached dwelling.

12. How does the creature show understanding and kindness to this family?

13. What are the names of the cottagers? Which cottager is the saddest?

14. Who is the lady on horseback? Describe her.

15. How does the creature learn the French language?

16. What two things does the creature learn that humans value most?

17. What questions roam through the creature’s mind at the end of Chapter 13?

**Chapter 14-17**

1. What city and country are the cottagers from?

2. Whom did Felix rescue from prison? What promises did this man make to Felix?

3. How does this man really feel about the relationship between his daughter and Felix?

4. Why were DeLacey and Agatha put into prison?

5. Why are the DeLacey’s now living in Germany?

6. What did Safie do, in which she disobeyed her father?
7. What 3 books does the creature find in a suitcase?

8. According to the creature, how is he like, but unlike, Adam in Milton’s Paradise Lost?

9. What does the creature learn from the papers he found in Victor’s lab coat pocket?

10. How does DeLacey receive the creature when he finally gets the nerve to enter the cottage?

11. What happens when Felix and Agatha enter the cottage?

12. What happens to the cottagers? What is the creature’s reaction to this?

13. Why does the creature decide to go to Geneva? How have these horrible circumstances changed the creature?

14. What happens that makes the creature feel even more bitter?

15. Why does the creature kill William? How does the creature feel afterward?

16. What does the creature do with the portrait he takes from William?

17. What does the creature say Frankenstein must do?

18. What does he monster promise Victor is Victor will agree to do what he asks?

19. Where does the monster promise to go live? What kind of food will he live off of? What place in the Bible does this parallel?

20. Describe Victor’s reactions to the creature’s request. What does he decide? Do you agree with this decision? Why or why not?

Chapters 18-21

1. Why does Victor have so much trouble getting started on his new project?

2. Why doesn’t Victor want to marry Elizabeth right away?
3. Why does Victor choose to travel to England?


5. In what fashion does Victor talk about Henry toward the end of chapter 18?

6. Why does Victor separate from Henry at this point?

7. Describe the place he picks to work. How does he feel about his labors?

8. Give 4 reasons why Victor changes his mind about the female creature.

9. What does Victor do at this point and who observes him?

10. When does the creature say he will get his revenge?

11. Where does Victor dispose of the parts of the female monster?

12. What is the next fearful thing that happens to Victor?

13. Why is Victor taken before the magistrate?

14. Who is Daniel Nugent and why is he important?

15. Who has been murdered and why is Victor accused of the murder?

16. Describe Victor's physical state after he learns who has been murdered.

17. When Victor has a visitor while he is in prison, who does he think it's going to be? Who is it actually?

18. What evidence brings about Victor's release from prison?

19. Why does Victor want to return home?
Chapters 22-24

1. When Victor receives a letter from Elizabeth, what doubts does she express in the letter? What is she worried about?

2. What does Victor still think the monster’s promise: “I will be with you on your wedding night” means?

3. Victor, in a letter to Elizabeth, names a time when he will tell her his horrible secret. When is this time?

4. What physical changes have taken place in Elizabeth since Victor last saw her?

5. What were the last moments of Victor’s life during which he enjoyed the feeling of happiness?

6. Why does Victor ask Elizabeth “to retire” but he does not accompany her? What sends him running to the bedroom?

7. Who appears at the window? What does their face look like?

8. What has happened to cause Victor to lie senseless on the ground?

9. Is this justice? Didn’t Victor kill the creature’s bride?

10. What is the effect of Victor’s father of Elizabeth’s death?

11. What effect does Victor’s tale have on the magistrate? Does he believe Victor?

12. Where does Victor meet his creature again? Why is the creature satisfied?

13. How does the creature further torture Victor? Where is he leading Victor and for what purpose?

14. As Victor pursued the creature across Russia, what kind of clues, notes, and supplies does the monster leave for Victor?

15. Victor tells his tale up to when he meets Walton’s and crew. How did he happen to be in the water half frozen?
16. In Walton’s letters to his sister at the end of the story, Walton expresses his belief in Victor’s story. What actual physical evidence causes him to believe Victor’s tale?

17. Who is the friend that Walton has been seeking? What are the characteristics of this friend?

18. Why does the crew of Walton’s ship almost mutiny?

19. Before Victor dies, what does he wish Walton to do?

20. In the creature’s last speech, after he discovers the dead body of Victor, do you feel sympathy for him? Why or why not?

21. What 2 incidents in his life does the creature refer to in his last speech as turning points that turned him toward a life of evil?

22. What does the monster plan to do when he leaves Walton’s ship?