

Year 10 'Frankenstein' Knowledge Organiser



Important information

Plot: Frankenstein tells the story of gifted scientist Victor Frankenstein who succeeds in giving life to a being of his own creation. However, this is not the perfect specimen he imagines that it will be, but rather a hideous creature who is rejected by Victor and mankind in general. The Monster seeks its revenge through murder and terror.

Themes: Knowledge, Discovery, Justice, Prejudice, Acceptance, Love, Revenge

Setting: England, Ireland, Italy, France, Scotland, Switzerland, Russia, Germany; late 18th century

Key Characters

Victor Frankenstein	Main character, the creator of The Monster and science enthusiast.
The Monster	The eight-foot tall creation that comes alive from dead body parts.
Robert Walton	The explorer who find Frankenstein and listens to his story.
Elizabeth Lavenza	Frankenstein's adopted sister and wife.
Henry Clerval	Frankenstein's childhood friend

Key vocabulary

Cadaverous

Supernatural

Darkness

Romance

Medieval



Decay

Haunted

Mystery

Terror

Curse

Key quotations

"Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful."

"I do know that for the sympathy of one living being, I would make peace with all. I have love in me the likes of which you can scarcely imagine and rage the likes of which you would not believe. If I cannot satisfy the one, I will indulge the other."

"If I cannot inspire love, I will cause fear!"

"I, the miserable and the abandoned, am an abortion, to be spurned at, and kicked, and trampled on."

Context

Mary Shelley wrote the novel Frankenstein in 1817 and it was later published in 1818. This was after a group of friends wrote a ghostly tale to keep themselves entertained. The novel focuses on the idea of life and death and experimenting with science, a true facilitation of the 18th century.



Zoom in -
single word
analysis



Zoom out -
whole
phrase

Key terminology

Gothic literature

Writing that uses dark and mysterious scenery, with elements of fear, horror and death as well as high emotions and romance.

Pathic Fallacy

When the weather reflects the mood of characters/setting.