

Submit your answers to the daily reading questions on a piece of paper or in Canvas.

Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley Letters 1 through 4

Day 1

1. What is the name of the person writing these letters? What is the name of the person who will receive these letters?
2. What is Walton's destination? What hopes & wishes does he have for this journey? What are his plans?
3. Describe Robert Walton.
4. How is the expedition progressing? How does Walton feel about his crew members?
5. What does Walton lack? What does he wish he had? How does he feel about his adventure?
6. Why is the span of time between letters 3 and 4 so much different (significantly shorter) than the span of time between letters 1 and 2 and between letters 2 and 3?
7. What is the first interesting sighting that Walton & his sailors spot? Describe.
8. Describe the second odd occurrence Captain Walton & his crew experience.
9. Who is the guest? How does he get along with Captain Walton?
10. What do you predict for Chapter One?

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Day 2

1. From what part of the world do Victor Frankenstein and his family originate?
2. Who was Beaufort?
3. How did Victor's parents, Alphonse & Caroline, meet?
4. What is unique and interesting about Victor's parents' marriage?
5. Describe Victor's childhood.
6. Tell about Victor's siblings.
7. Who is Victor's best friend? Describe him.
8. What types of books did Victor study & read?
9. Victor witnessed something when he was fifteen that amazed him. Describe.
10. Does Victor believe in destiny and fate? Explain briefly.

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Day 3

1. Where did Victor go to college? How old was he?
2. What happened to Victor's mother before he could leave for college?
3. What did Victor think about after the death? Look at the paragraph on pages 28 & 29.
4. How did Elizabeth handle her grief?
5. Why didn't Henry go to college with Victor?
6. Describe M. Krempe & M. Waldman.
7. How did Victor perform as a student?
8. What subjects and topics did Victor particularly find interest in?
9. What remarkable discovery did Victor make? Read page 38.
10. How did Victor spend his time? Did he visit home? How much time passed?

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Day 4

1. Dreary night in November – what happened?
2. Describe the creature's physical appearance.
3. How have the past two years been for Victor?
4. How does Victor react when he wakes to find the creature standing over his bed?
5. Where does Victor go?
6. What familiar face does he find? Why is this person in Ingolstadt?
7. When they return to Victor's rooms, what do they find? How does Victor react?
8. How does Victor spend the next several months?
9. A letter has arrived from Elizabeth in Chapter 6. Who is Justine? Who is William?
10. What do Victor & Henry Clerval do next?

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Day 5

1. Chapter VII begins with, "On my return..." From where is Victor returning? What is the tragic news in the letter from his father?
2. What are the details known about the murder? List them as evidence.
3. Pages 60-62. How long has Victor been away from home at college? Why was he not able to enter his town when he finally arrived home?
4. What did Victor see? Pages 62-63.
5. "Two years had now nearly elapsed since the night on which he first received life." (page 63) Speculate. How do you think the time has passed for the creature? Where has he been? What has he been doing?
6. Why is Victor so secretive? What does he suspect happened to William? Why doesn't he tell his family his suspicions?
7. Who has been charged with the murder? Why? What is the evidence against her?
8. What does Justine say to defend herself? What does the court decide?
9. Explain why Justine confessed. Did she really commit this murder?
10. What happened to Justine at the end of Chapter 8? How does Victor react?

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Day 6

1. Describe in some detail Victor's emotional state & thoughts as Chapter 9 begins.
2. What does Victor's father assume is bothering Victor? What advice does he give his son?
3. At the Frankenstein's vacation house in Belrive, Victor finds some time to himself. Where does he go? What does he contemplate?
4. What do Victor's instincts tell him about the "monster whom I had created." (p. 78)
5. How is Elizabeth handling the deaths of William & Justine?
6. Analyze statements Victor has made: "...William and Justine, the first hapless victims to my unhallowed arts." (p. 76) "I, not in deed, but in effect, was the true murderer." (p. 80) What do his words mean & reveal?
7. "...I suddenly left my home..." (p. 81) Where does Victor go? Why?
8. On pages 85 & 86, at the top of Montanvert, Victor has a visitor. Describe & explain!
9. What is surprising and interesting about the creature? What does he ask of Victor?
10. As Chapter 10 ends, where is Victor? What is he doing? What will Chapter 11 be about?

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Day 7

1. Chapter 11 begins, "It is with considerable difficulty that I remember the original era of my being..." (page 90) Whose voice is narrating?
2. What were some of the creature's first sensations & experiences?
3. How did he learn about fire, food, the sun & moon?
4. When he entered a hut, how was the creature received? What did he find there? How long did he stay?
5. "...at sunset I arrived at a village." (p. 93) What happened?
6. He has found refuge where? Describe his shelter as best as you can.
7. Who lives in the cottage? Describe them.
8. How does the creature help the cottagers?
9. What does the creature desperately want to learn?
10. How does the creature respond to his own reflection in a transparent pool? What is his opinion of himself? What is his opinion of the cottagers?

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Day 8

1. Felix, Agatha & their father have a guest. Who is it? Describe her a bit.
2. What instrument does the old man play?
3. Generally, how has this time with the cottagers been for the Creature?
4. What has Safie's presence done to the mood of the Creature's "friends"?
5. How does the Creature learn to read? How does he learn about history?
6. The more he learns about history & men, the more the Creature doubts himself. What questions does he have?
7. The Creature learns how the French De Lacey family came to this German cottage. What is their story?
8. How was Felix betrayed by the Turk?
9. Why was Felix often the most depressed member of the family?
10. How did Safie find Felix? What happened to make this reunion possible?

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Day 9

1. What did the Creature find in the woods?
2. What does the reading make the Creature wonder about? How does he react to & feel about the books?
3. Now that he can read, what other writing has he been studying? How does he feel about these words?
4. Finally, the Creature makes a decision. What is he going to do? What happens?
5. What does the Creature do to the cottage? Why? (page 126)
6. Where does the Creature decide to go? (page 127)
7. Tell the events on pages 128-129 with the girl and the river. What happened?
8. When he meets a little boy, what are the Creature's first thoughts? What idea does he have?
9. Why did the Creature kill the child? What did he take from William? What did he do with it?
10. What demand does the Creature now make of Victor? (page 132)

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Day 10

1. What does the creature want from Victor?
2. Why does he ask this thing of Victor? What are the creature's reasons and arguments for such a demand?
3. Victor goes back and forth with his decision and answer. Why? Describe his mixed emotions and thoughts over the creature and the creature's proposal. Explain Victor's final decision.
4. When Victor gets back to Geneva, what is his father planning?
5. A trip is planned. Where will Victor go? Why? Who will accompany him?

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Day 11

List the events of Chapter 19 in a brief summary. The chapter is only 7 pages long and is sort of an in-between chapter without a lot of action. Include the places Henry & Victor go, include Victor's thoughts and state of mind, and be sure to summarize how the chapter ends.

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Day 12

1. What does Victor begin to worry about as he works to create a female for the Creature?
2. How does Victor react when he sees the Creature looking in a window, grinning?
3. Victor has succeeded in really angering the Creature. What does the Creature promise Victor?
4. What does Victor do with the mess in his laboratory?
5. Tell about Victor's time at sea in the little sailing skiff at the end of Chapter 20. What was he doing & thinking? Where does he end up? How does Chapter 20 end?

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Day 13

1. What are the witnesses saying about Victor and the night of the murder?
2. Who is Mr. Kirwin? Describe his role in Chapter 21.
3. Victor is taken to see the corpse. Who is it? What does Victor say in response to seeing his dead friend? How does Victor react in the days following?
4. Who has come to visit Victor, and how did this person know Victor was in an Irish jail?
5. How is Victor's mental & physical health as Chapter 21 ends?

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Day 14

1. When Victor talks about being the murderer of William, Justine & Henry, what does his father think & say?
2. What does Elizabeth's letter say? What does she suspect? What does she tell Victor?
3. Victor returns finally to Geneva. When will his wedding ceremony take place?
4. What precaution has Victor taken to defend himself?
5. How does Chapter 22 end?

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Day 15

1. The location of the honeymoon is lovely & scenic, but when night falls, how does Victor feel?
2. Poor Elizabeth! Summarize how her night is going on pages 182-183.
3. What might the people who hear the screams and the shots think? How do they react?
4. Victor is exhausted; his body wants to quit. What fear forces him onward?
5. How does Victor get back to Geneva?
6. Victor returns home. Tell about his father.
7. "... dungeon, prison, cell..." Explain and analyze the use of these words on page 186.
8. To whom does Victor tell his incredible story? What is the response?
9. What is now Victor's sole purpose in life?
10. Of the Frankenstein's extended family, who is still alive?

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Day 16

1. What overwhelming feelings consume Victor's thoughts? (p. 189-190)
 2. He leaves Geneva. "And now my wanderings began..." Where does he go first? (p. 189)
 3. Victor hears laughter & a voice. Explain. (p. 190)
 4. How does Victor follow the Creature? How does he discover which way to go? (p. 190-193)
 5. The chase takes the Creature and Victor into the cold north. How does Victor travel in the ice & snow? What happened to the dogs? (p. 193-195)
 6. Robert Walton picks up the story again. He admits the story sounds incredible, but what proof has Victor shown him? (p. 197)
 7. How does Robert Walton feel about Victor Frankenstein? (p. 197-199)
 8. The ship is trapped in ice. Walton's crew is getting restless. When they want to turn back, what does Victor say? (p. 201-202)
 9. Robert Walton has failed in his adventure. He is turning back, and Victor feels he has failed, too. What does he hope Walton can do for him? (p. 196, 204-205)
 10. We see the Creature once more. What does he say? What does he do? (p. 205-210)
- Extra Credit: Which Categories & Themes of Science Fiction best fit *Frankenstein*?