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Frankenstein Study Guide

Characters: know who each character is and their relationship to other characters

- Robert Walton
- Mrs. Margaret Saville
- Victor Frankenstein
- The Creature/Monster
- Henry Clerval
- Alphonse Frankenstein and Caroline (Beaufort) Frankenstein
- Ernest and William Frankenstein
- Elizabeth Lavenza
- M. Waldman
- M. Krempe
- Justine Moritz
- M. DeLacey
- Felix and Agatha
- Safie
- M. Kirwin

Locations: know what happened with whom at each place

- Geneva, Switzerland
- Ingolstadt
- Germany (where the cottagers live)

- Valley of Chamounix
- Mont Blanc and Montanvert
- London
- Orkney Island, Scotland
- Tartary and Russia
- Archangel

Plot: know the key events, but do not overlook important details (like the ones discussed in class).

- This is a story within a story, so the narrator is ultimately Walton
- What is Walton mostly concerned about?
- What are Frankenstein's parents like? What were the circumstances of their marriage?
- Where was Frankenstein born?
- What subjects does Frankenstein study? Why?
- Frankenstein used to study alchemy and other outdated sciences. Does he give them up? How does he regard those subjects after attending college?
- Who were the scientists that he read?
- What secrets does Frankenstein want to learn?
- Why does Frankenstein create the monster?
- How does the Creature know he is deformed?
- Why are the cottagers poor?
- Where the the cottagers originally from?
- Who deceived the cottagers?

- What does the Creature ultimately desire?
- Why do the cottagers betray the Creature?
- What traits of the Creature generate empathy?
- What does the Creature do in response to this betrayal?
- The Creature is intelligent PRIMARILY because...?
- Who shoots the monster? Why?
- Why does the monster kill William?
- Know the details of Justine's trial and conviction along with other people's reactions, etc.
- What two people does Frankenstein blame for William and Justine's death?
- Why does Frankenstein create a second monster? What does he do with it? What are the repercussions of not delivering it to the monster?
- Know how and why everyone dies

Author's Note: We read the Author's Note for a reason. I suggest you reread it and know the answers to these questions.

- Why is Shelley writing?
- What themes and ideas does she believe will terrify others?