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| **Frankenstein** |
| **Synopsis and vocabulary sheet** |
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Frankenstein



Victor Frankenstein lived in Geneva with his father

(Alphonse) and his mother (Caroline). Victor had a younger

brother called William. Alphonse and Caroline also had two

adopted daughters, Elizabeth Lavenza and Justine Moritz.

When Victor was 17 he went to Ingolstadt to study natural philosophy and chemistry. It was because he was fascinated by the secret of life that he created a monster. When his creation came to life, Victor was horrified at the sight of the monster. He ran into the streets, leaving the monster in his apartment.

Victor met Henry Clerval in the street. Henry was a childhood friend of Victor’s, who had also come to study at the university. They returned to Victor’s apartment but the monster had already run away. Victor became ill so he decided to return to Geneva.

The monster hated Victor for abandoning him. He was clever and learned to speak by watching and listening to a family he was hiding close to. He was lonely and angry so he began to kill those whom Victor loved. First, he murdered Victor’s brother William. Justine Moritz was convicted of this crime, and she was executed.

Victor suspected the monster was William’s murderer, and because he was its creator he was responsible for the deaths of his two loved ones. He was very upset and went off to the mountains.



The monster went to find Victor. He told Victor that nobody liked him because of how he looked. He said he wanted a female companion as ugly as him so he would not be lonely. He promised Victor that he and his companion would then go away forever. Victor eventually agreed to make a female for the monster. He went to Scotland with Henry to get body parts.

When Victor was working on the second monster, he thought about how much damage two monsters could do. He decided to destroy the female and throw her into the middle of the lake.



# The monster was furious and killed Henry; Victor was arrested for this murder but he was not convicted.



# Victor and Elizabeth were getting married. It was their wedding night. He thought the monster was going to kill him but it killed his new wife.

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Victor decided to destroy the monster. As the monster went northward, Victor tried to catch up with him but he became trapped between sheets of ice. He was rescued by Robert Walton, an English explorer, who was on his way to the North Pole.



Before Victor died, he told Robert the whole story. After Victor’s death, Robert decided not to try to reach the North Pole any more and returned to England. The monster was never seen again.

Vocabulary sheet

 furious/very angry  upset 

 lonely  ill 

Feeling …

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| **Look up these words** | **Write a translation or explanation** |
| to study |  |
| to hate |  |
| to abandon |  |
| to hide |  |
| to kill/murder |  |
| to execute |  |
| to convict |  |
| to arrest |  |
| to suspect |  |
| to decide |  |
| to catch up |  |
| to rescue |  |
| to promise |  |
| to be fascinated |  |
| to be horrified |  |
| to be responsible for |  |