

## SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS *Frankenstein*

### Introduction, Preface, Letters

1. Why did Mary Shelley write *Frankenstein*?
2. What discussions influence the development of her idea?
3. In the preface, what does the author say she is trying to preserve?
4. What is the structure, or form, of the novel?
5. Who is writing the letters?
6. To whom are the letters written?
7. Where is the writer of the letters, and why is he there?
8. How does he meet Victor Frankenstein?
9. How does Robert feel about his guest?
10. Why is Frankenstein in the Arctic?

### Chapters 1-5

1. Who is telling this part of the story?
2. How did Elizabeth come to live with the Frankensteins?
3. Who is Frankenstein's closest friend?
4. What was one of the themes of the writers who influenced Frankenstein?
5. What natural phenomena influenced Frankenstein?
6. What two major events happened to Frankenstein when he was seventeen?
7. What goal did Frankenstein decide to pursue?
8. How did Frankenstein feel when his experiment succeeded, and the creature came to life?
9. What happened to Frankenstein the day after he completed his creation?
10. Who took care of Frankenstein during his illness?

### Chapters 6-9

1. What did Clerval give Frankenstein when he was better?
2. How did Frankenstein and Clerval spend the next several months?
3. What news did the letter from Frankenstein's father bring?
4. What did Frankenstein see just outside the gates of Geneva as he was returning home?
5. Who was accused of committing the murder, and why?
6. What was Frankenstein's reaction to this accusation?
7. What did Frankenstein do about his dilemma?
8. What happened to the accused person?
9. What was Frankenstein's state of mind after the trial and its conclusion?
10. Where did Frankenstein go to seek relief?

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### Chapters 10-15

1. Whom did Frankenstein meet after he had ascended to the summit of Montanvert?
2. How did Frankenstein react to this meeting?
3. What did the creature want of Frankenstein?
4. How did the creature feel when he first felt life?
5. What was the reaction of the villagers the creature encountered?
6. Where did the creature take shelter?
7. What observations did the creature make about the people in the cottage?
8. What does the creature learn to do, and how does he learn this?
9. What was the elder De Lacey's reaction when the creature entered the cottage and began speaking with him?
10. What was the reaction of the De Lacey family when they saw the creature?

### Chapters 16-20

1. What did the creature do at the cottage when he returned and found that the De Laceys had moved out?
2. What was the reaction of the man whose daughter was saved from drowning by the creature?
3. What discovery did the creature make when he approached another human?
4. What did the creature do to this person?
5. How did the creature feel after his deed?
6. What did the creature tell Frankenstein about the locket?
7. What did the creature ask Frankenstein to do, and why?
8. How did Frankenstein react to this request?
9. What threat did the creature make when he saw Frankenstein destroy his second creation?
10. What happened to Frankenstein when he landed his boat?

### Chapter 21-24

1. Who had been the creature's most recent victim?
2. What happened at Frankenstein's trial?
3. What event occurred next in Frankenstein's life?
4. What happened on Frankenstein and Elizabeth's wedding night?
5. What happened to Frankenstein's father as a result of this latest tragedy?
6. What was the magistrate's response when Frankenstein told him the entire story of the creature?
7. What did Frankenstein do after he left the magistrate?
8. What request does Frankenstein make of Robert Walton?
9. What happened to Frankenstein at the end of the novel?
10. What happened to the creature at the end of the novel?