

ASSESSMENT QUIZ

FRANKENSTEIN

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

The questions on this quiz are drawn from two sources: the novel itself, and the reading companion that came with it, its author biography, historical context, allegorical layer, and scientific payload. Some ask about what happens in the story; others ask about the ideas and the science the companion explains. Answer from both. For each multiple choice question, choose the single best answer.

This quiz follows the 1818 text of the novel, the version first published. A later edition from 1831 changes some details.

01. Who is Elizabeth Lavenza in the 1818 text?

- (A) Victor's cousin, raised alongside him, whom he later marries
- (B) Victor's laboratory assistant at Ingolstadt
- (C) A stranger Victor meets while travelling
- (D) A servant in the Frankenstein household

02. How does the creature learn to speak and read?

- (A) Victor teaches him in secret
- (B) By hiding beside a cottage and watching and listening to the family inside
- (C) He is able to speak from the moment he wakes
- (D) A travelling priest takes him in and tutors him

03. What happens when the creature finally speaks to old De Lacey, the blind man?

- (A) The old man screams and runs from the house
- (B) The old man is kind to him, right up until his sighted family walks in and drives the creature out
- (C) The old man agrees to adopt him as a son
- (D) The creature loses his nerve and says nothing

04. What does Victor do with the female creature he begins to build?

- (A) He finishes her, and she immediately runs away
- (B) He destroys her before she is finished
- (C) He hands her over to the creature as he promised
- (D) He sends her to live in England

05. Who were Mary Shelley's parents?

- (A) Two of the most famous radical writers in England, Mary Wollstonecraft and William Godwin
- (B) A country doctor and a schoolteacher
- (C) Lord Byron and his wife
- (D) She was an orphan and never knew them

06. What does the creature do on Victor's wedding night?

- (A) He kills Elizabeth
- (B) He attends the wedding in disguise
- (C) He kills Victor
- (D) He leaves Europe and is never seen again

07. How does the novel end?

- (A) Victor hunts down and kills the creature, then returns home
- (B) Victor dies aboard Walton's ship, and the creature appears, grieves over his body, and leaves intending to end his own life
- (C) The creature is captured and put on trial in Geneva
- (D) Victor and the creature make peace and agree to live together

08. Which book does the creature find and read, and then use to understand his own situation?

- (A) The Bible
- (B) Milton's Paradise Lost
- (C) Shakespeare's Hamlet
- (D) A book of maps and voyages

09. How was Frankenstein first published in 1818?

- (A) Under her own name, to immediate acclaim
- (B) Anonymously, and many readers assumed a man had written it
- (C) As a magazine serial under a false name
- (D) It was not published until after her death

10. In 1803 Giovanni Aldini ran electricity through an executed criminal's body. What happened?

- (A) Nothing happened at all, and the audience left
- (B) The man sat up and spoke before collapsing
- (C) The jaw quivered, the face contorted, and one eye opened
- (D) The body caught fire

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Victor’s experiment succeeds. The creature lives. Explain why the novel treats what Victor does next as the real disaster, and describe what he would have had to do differently.

Victor builds his creature out of bodies taken from graves and dissecting rooms. Using what you know about how quickly the brain is damaged when blood stops flowing, explain why the creature’s mind is a bigger scientific problem than the rest of its body.

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