

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?