

Final Essay: *Frankenstein*

"I imagine that you may deduce an apt moral from my tale; one that may direct you..." (15).

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is for you to synthesize information that we have worked with during this school year in order to write a cohesive essay that demonstrates your knowledge of essay writing and *Frankenstein*.

Method: You will achieve this purpose by working with thematic ideas and concepts we have discussed in class, and ultimately writing a thesis statement that you will use to write your final *Frankenstein* essay.

Details: This preparatory work is to be completed by the end of class today, and the related thesis will be due next class 5/10 or 5/11, all shown to the teacher together for 15-points.

Procedure: Use the following guidelines for each portion of this assignment. Note: Next class you will be given the formal handout/ assignment for the actual essay; this is just the first step for deciding your topic.

Use this preliminary prompt to guide you through the segments below:

Prompt:

Frankenstein is considered a classic because it appeals to the human condition on multiple levels. Considering all possible thematic ideas, choose one to explain how Mary Shelly's purpose in writing *Frankenstein* helped elevate it to the level of classic literature.

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You must use your own paper to complete the following:

In looking at the Foreword that we read in class, we saw several thematic ideas and lenses that were applied to *Frankenstein* as you read it. Those ideas, plus others, are included below:

Power of Nature	The Doppelganger
Humanity (what it means to be human)	Scientific Ethics
Power of the Feminine Voice	Perspective or Point of View
Culture and Values	Male Pursuance of Goals Against All Odds
Responsibility to Others	The Promethean Gift
Appearance	Creation
Hubris	Sacrifice
Nature of Man	Warnings
Need for Human Connection	Abandonment
Immortality	Danger of Work
Power of Family	Feminism
Isolation	Parental Obligation
Rejection of Nature	Pursuit of Knowledge
Rejection by Other	The Horror of the Supernatural
Search for Self	...anything else? (w/ teacher approval)

- For each of the above thematic ideas, you are to list several ways that you see connections to *Frankenstein*.
- After you have listed as many connections as possible, you should go through each of these ideas again and apply as many class concepts to each idea as possible. Again, this may be in note format, but these notes should be thorough and informative. You will use this in order to help you write your thesis statement, your outline, find textual excerpts that support your thesis, and finally, write your essay. This will be time consuming. However, if you spend time doing this, your essay will be much easier to write.

Use the space provided below for the next portions of this assignment:

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After completing both connections and concepts lists, decide which topic you are most interested in writing about in your essay. Create a brainstorm **below** that details how you will discuss this topic in a full essay. (What is your assertion – what are you wanting to prove; what will each body paragraph discuss? Jot down ideas that you have for evidence to prove each point; finally, why is each of these ideas important?).

Finally, write a thesis statement that you will use to guide your audience through your essay over *Frankenstein*.