

## Excerpts from *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*

### Excerpt from the beginning of Chapter 5:

"It was on a dreary night of November that I beheld the accomplishment of my toils. With an anxiety that almost amounted to agony, I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. It was already one in the morning; the rain pattered dismally against the panes, and my candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs.

"How can I describe my emotions at this catastrophe, or how delineate the wretch whom with such infinite pains and care I had endeavoured to form?.....

"... I had worked hard for nearly two years, for the sole purpose of infusing life into an inanimate body. For this I had deprived myself of rest and health. I had desired it with an ardour that far exceeded moderation; but now that I had finished, the beauty of the dream vanished, and breathless horror and disgust filled my heart. Unable to endure the aspect of the being I had created, I rushed out of the room and continued a long time traversing my bed-chamber, unable to compose my mind to sleep. At length lassitude succeeded to the tumult I had before endured, and I threw myself on the bed in my clothes, endeavouring to seek a few moments of forgetfulness"

## Frankenstein in the Novel and Film

1. Use the table below to list at least three observations you consider interesting or essential in the portrayal of Dr. Frankenstein and his scientific work in the novel and film. Include any observations of supporting elements such as other characters, feeling, actions, surroundings, climate, etc.

Novel (1818)	Film (1831)

2. How is the mood of the scene in the novel and the film portrayed similarly or differently?

3. What is Dr. Frankenstein's work? And how does he respond to the outcome of his endeavor?

4. What may Dr. Frankenstein and his creature exemplify or represent in society?

## Science & Scientists in *Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature*

1. Note the title of the online exhibition section you are assigned:
2. List vocabulary words that you looked up to help full comprehension of the text.

3. Use the table below and list your findings on the scientific works mentioned in your section:

Scientists	Scientific Discoveries	Hopes or Fears about the Discovery

4. How are the scientists and their work in real life different or similar to the 'fictional' Dr. Frankenstein and his creature?