

**Frankenstein Data Collection Sheet**

**Literary Element:** ?plot? Allusion? Connections?

**Page:** second half of ch. 2

**Quote/Scene/Event:**

His discussions of science, "natural philosophy" & Cornelius Agrippa

**Questions, Requests for Read Aloud, Issues for Discussion:**

- What is "natural philosophy"?
- What was believed to be true in science at the time & which was clearly fantasy?
- How does this fit in with the ~~genre~~ larger Frankenstein genre of "gothic literature"?

**Personal Reflection:**

It kind of annoys me when people describe elements of their life with such an extreme "perfectness." Why is Elizabeth so angelic? Was his childhood really that perfect, or is this just a literary tool? I guess I like stories that are a little grittier, but I'm pretty sure this book will get really dark, really soon & that will engage me more.

Also, now that I'm writing this, I wonder, if Shelley is also trying to say/show that Victor only sees things as black or white, no shades of gray?

That would be an interesting piece of his character to keep in mind.

**Frankenstein Data Collection Sheet** (you need to fill out 4 sheets total for the book):

Collect five different excerpts from the text that were interesting and provide some new insight or bring up a new question about any of the following: **Character Development, Allusion, Foreshadowing, Literary Themes** or another literary element

<p><b>Literary Element:</b> <u>character</u> (foil?)</p>	<p><b>Literary Element:</b> <u>character</u> (another foil?)</p>
<p><b>Page:</b> Pg 32 (Chapter II, 1st TP)</p>	<p><b>Page:</b> Pg 32-33 (Chapter II, 2nd TP)</p>
<p><b>Quote/Scene/Event</b> "Harmony was the soul of our companionship, and the diversity &amp; contrast that subsisted in our characters drew us nearer together."</p>	<p><b>Quote/Scene/Event</b> description of Henry Clerval, Victor's friend</p>
<p><b>Meaning/Interpretation/Connection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Victor &amp; Elizabeth were opposites to one another but this balances their relationship rather than drive them apart</li> <li>- Like a foil, Elizabeth's gentleness <del>is</del> happiness to observe &amp; appreciate Victor's contrasts with Victor.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Meaning/Interpretation/Connection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Here is another character that contrasts against Victor &amp; his scientific mind.</li> <li>- He is interested in romance &amp; adventure, <u>fantasy</u>, <u>not</u> science</li> </ul>

<p><b>Literary Element:</b> <u>Foreshadowing</u> (&amp; suspense)</p>	<p><b>Literary Element:</b> <u>Simile</u></p>
<p><b>Page:</b> Pg 34</p>	<p><b>Page:</b> Pg 35</p>
<p><b>Quote/Scene/Event</b> "I feel exquisite pleasure... which led, by insensible steps, to my utter tale of misery."</p>	<p><b>Quote/Scene/Event</b> "I find it arise, like a mountain river from ignoble &amp; almost forgotten sources... torrent... sweet among all my hopes &amp; joys"</p>
<p><b>Meaning/Interpretation/Connection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explains why he's giving all this background - it's a foundation for his scientific passions later</li> <li>- Lets us know that misery will follow, makes us nervous as a reader (and curious)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Meaning/Interpretation/Connection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uses small mountain stream that turns into a raging rapid as an analogy to his own life</li> <li>- Implies that, like gravity, it's inevitable</li> <li>- How will Shelley use nature symbolism &amp; water symbolism?</li> </ul>

<p><b>Literary Element:</b> <u>Foreshadowing &amp; Suspense</u></p>
<p><b>Page:</b> 37</p>
<p><b>Quote/Scene/Event</b> It was a strong effort of the spirit of good, but it was imperfect, destiny was too potent... destruction"</p>
<p><b>Meaning/Interpretation/Connection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foreshadowing something terrible is yet to come</li> <li>- Shelley adds suspense by ending a chapter like this (she ended the letters section like this too)</li> <li>- What is the (Shelley)/Victor saying about human nature &amp; destiny?</li> </ul>