

Frankenstein analysis

frame narrative (Walton's letters)

Chapters I-VI

comparison chart

In his letters to his sister, Walton reveals information about himself and the stranger he meets. Create a chart to show how Walton and the stranger are similar and different. Provide textual support (with page numbers), and make sure to explain whether we learn the information through the characters' words and/or their actions.

1. *their current situations and setting/location*
2. *their goals*
3. *their attitudes*
4. *their personality traits*

questions about Walton's letters

1. Why is the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" important to Walton? How is the stranger similar to the mariner? What *mood* does Shelly create with this allusion?
2. Walton is lonely aboard ship (despite being surrounded by the crew) until the stranger's arrival. What do Walton and the stranger have in common in terms of their thirst for knowledge? What details suggest that both men are willing to make sacrifices in their quest for knowledge?

characterization analysis

In chapters I-VI, Shelley develops the round characters of Frankenstein and his creature into complex and multifaceted personalities—in contrast to the flat characters who surround them.

- For each of these two major characters, choose the four most apt adjectives (Consult your tone chart.) that depict four different aspects of their personalities. You need to defend each of your adjectives with a quotation from the text as well as an explanation.
- For two minor characters of your choice, determine the adjective that best conveys each character's primary personality trait. Support your idea with a quotation and explanation.

visual representation

- Illustrate a scene from Chapters I through VI that includes both Frankenstein and his creature.
- Before you begin, reread the related passages of the novel to gather precise details provided by Shelley. Remember that the familiar image of the creature from films is only an interpretation of his appearance. Use the evidence in the novel and your imagination to create your own visual interpretation of the creature.
- Cite three quotations that provided you with details on which you based your visual depiction.