

Frankenstein Themes

The following are some themes evident in Mary Shelly's *Frankenstein*. When you understand the implicit themes in a literary work, reading it becomes more meaningful. Your assignment is to choose a theme and to use quotations from the novel to support your viewpoint. You may work in groups of three or four—no more.

Possible themes to explore:

- 1. Blind/overreaching ambition**
- 2. Cloning**
- 3. Humans and nature**
- 4. Nature vs. Nurture**
- 5. Injustice**
- 6. Friendship vs. Isolation**
- 7. Education—the pursuit of knowledge at any cost**
- 8. Fate/Destiny**
- 9. **If you would like to explore a theme not listed, please clear it with all members and then clear it with your teacher before you start looking for supporting quotes.**

Directions:

- In groups of three or four, discuss the themes above. Your text and your notes from the video about Shelly will help facilitate your discussion. Choose a theme from above that you all agree is predominant in the novel.**
- Choose one writer/transcriber**
- Choose two people to look through the book and find quotes to support the theme you have chosen**
- Discuss the quotes you come across in the context of the novel**
- Write down six (6) quotes on a piece of paper**
- You will be using these quotes to write a group essay next week**
- Write all your names on the top and turn-in to the In-box**