

1 Complete the information about the book. Choose words from the box. There are two extra words.


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Mary Shelley (1797–1851) was an English writer who is well ¹..... for her book *Frankenstein*. Her mother died soon after she was born, and she had a very difficult life. In 1814, she fell in love with a famous English writer called Percy Shelley. They had four children, but three of their children ²..... while they were still babies. Mary and Percy ³..... around Europe together and shared a love of reading, writing and art. In the summer of 1816, they went on ⁴..... to Lake Geneva, Switzerland, with a group of friends. The weather was very bad, and to pass the time the group decided to have a writing ⁵..... . It was during this holiday that Mary wrote what later became the book *Frankenstein*. It tells the story of a young ⁶..... who decides to try to make a person and ⁷..... life.

2 Put the extracts in the correct order (1–5). Then circle where each one took place.

		Place
a <input type="checkbox"/>	How can I describe the feelings I had when I saw that dead body? Everything that had happened that day, and all the worrying thoughts I had in my mind, were gone in a moment. I saw that it was the body of my dear friend Henry Clerval lying on the table in front of me.	Geneva Scotland Ingolstadt Ireland the Arctic Ocean
b <input type="checkbox"/>	Near the ship was a large piece of ice, and on it was a sledge very like the one we had seen the day before. The dogs that had pulled it were all dead, but on the sledge was a man who was still alive.	Geneva Scotland Ingolstadt Ireland the Arctic Ocean
c <input type="checkbox"/>	It was on a dark, wet night in November that I finished the work that had taken me almost two years. I was extremely nervous as I began to give life to the completed thing that lay in front of me.	Geneva Scotland Ingolstadt Ireland the Arctic Ocean
d <input type="checkbox"/>	Several weeks before the date I would leave home, Elizabeth became very ill. She had a terrible fever, and she was in a lot of danger. My wonderful mother stayed by the side of her bed and cared for her day and night. Elizabeth was saved, but I am very sorry to say that mother then became very ill herself.	Geneva Scotland Ingolstadt Ireland the Arctic Ocean
e <input type="checkbox"/>	And so it was that I made myself another laboratory and finally started my work. Every morning I worked on the female creature, and every evening I walked along the shore of the rocky beach and looked at the wild ocean.	Geneva Scotland Ingolstadt Ireland the Arctic Ocean

3 Complete the chart about three of the characters from the story.

	Character	<i>Good, bad, both or neither. Why?</i>	Character qualities (strengths and weaknesses)
	Victor		
	The Monster		
	Elizabeth		

4 By the end of the book, the monster has caused the deaths of five people. Complete the information about them. The first is an example.

Name: *Justine*

Relationship to Victor: *servant*

Cause of death: *hanged for William's murder*

Place: *Geneva*

Name:

Relationship to Victor:

Cause of death:

Place:

Name:

Relationship to Victor:

Cause of death:

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5 “It is dangerous to know too much. A man who believes that his home town is the complete world is a happy man.” Do you agree with this quote? How would Victor’s life have been different if he had followed his own advice?

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6 Do the crossword.

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Across

- 1 A bad dream.
- 3 When you feel very sad for a long time.
- 5 To stay alive when life is hard or dangerous.
- 6 When you feel bad – for example, you might feel unhappy, ill, too cold, have pain, etc.

Down

- 2 Very unhappy.
- 4 Very frightened.
- 7 When you feel sad because you did something, or did not do something.

7 The real monster in the book is Victor Frankenstein. Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?

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8 You are Henry Clerval. You have travelled with Victor to Scotland and you have begun to notice that he is behaving strangely and wants to spend a lot of time alone. Write a letter to Elizabeth Lavenza, telling her why you are worried. Explain what you think are the reasons for his unusual behaviour.

