

Frankenstein Review questions – these questions are posted here for your own use. Feel free to use them as you wish.

1. What is Mary Shelly's full name?
2. What was one reason so many publishers refused Mary Shelly's novel, Frankenstein?
3. How was Percy Shelly killed?
4. How did Mary Shelly's parents describe her?
5. Mary Shelly was a remarkable woman. What was she like?
6. Who were Mary's parents? What were their beliefs?
7. How was the initial idea of Frankenstein created?
8. What tragic deaths occurred in her life?
9. Who was the love of Mary's life and how was she affected by his death?

10. How is there irony in Mary's idea for Frankenstein and how it all began?

11. Why did Mary marry against her parent's wishes?

12. Name two tragedies that happened in Mary's life.

13. Did Mary have any children? What happened to them?

14. At the time of the tragedies in Mary's life, how old was she? How do you think she felt?

15. When Mary was 24, what had a great impact on her life?

16. Had Mary's mother lived, how would that have affected her life? Would she have written Frankenstein?

17. Had Mary written Frankenstein in our lifetime, would it have been as famous? Why/why not?

18. If Mary's other not-so-popular novels had been popular, how would that have affected her family life and personal ego?

19. If Mary had given some made-up secret of life in her novel, would it have been as popular? Or would the lack of mystery put some people off?