Home reading. Mary Shelley "Frankenstein"

Chapter 1.

Task 1. Find in the text.

- 1. where the sailor was pointing and why;
- 2. who/what the captain could see in his telescope;
- 3. how many sledges were racing in the snow and mountains of ice;
- 4. what the weather was like at night/ in the morning;
- 5. why the sailors picked up a man. Describe his physical condition;
- 6. how long it took Victor Frankenstein to recover;
- 7. what coud help the captain believe in Victor's story.

Chapter 2.

Task1. Who...?

- 1. Who was born in Geneva in a good loving family?
- 2. Who hoped to have a daughter?
- 3. Who became a daughter that Victor's mother had always wanted to have?
- 4. How many children were in the family altogether?
- 5. Who wanted to know how to make living things?
- 6. How did Victor learn about electricity and its terrible power?

Chapter 3.

Task 1. Explain why:

- Victor's life changed;
- Victor's mother wanted Elizabeth to take her place in the family. Did it work?
- It was hard for Victor to go to university;
- God made people intelligent in professor Waldman's opinion:
- Victor never took one day's holiday in two years at university;
- Victor watched the dying and the dead a lot;
- Victor was given his own laboratory;
- Victor built a tall mast above his laboratory;
- Victor kept the secret of his machine to himself.

Chapter 4.

Task 1. Find in the text:

- 1. how Victor made a body;
- 2. who knew about his terrible secret;
- 3. what the woman looked like;
- 4. how ling it took Victor to make his creature;
- 5. where he found electricity for his experiment;
- 6. how electricity worked;
- 7. if the result/success of the experiment make Victor happy;
- 8. who visited Victor and made him happy for a while;
- 9. how long Victor was ill and why.

Chapter 5.

Task1. Find and read:

- what happened to Victor's family;
- where William was found and what caused his death;
- where Victor spent the night on the way home;

- how he found the scene of crime;
- who Victor saw in the rain near the place where poor William was murdered;
- what he understood.

Task 2. Explain why:

- 1. The family wanted Victor to come back home.
- 2. Victor was unable to find the monster.

Chapter 6.

Task 1. Are these statement true or false?

- 1. Victor decided to tell the police that he had created a monster.
- 2. The police had found the murderer.
- 3. Justine was a new servant/maid/governess.
- 4. The gold chain was found in Justine's coat.
- 5. The judge could not believe that Justine was a murderer.
- 6. The punishment for murder was life imprisonment.
- 7. The Judge believed in Victor's story
- 8. Justine was desperate. She was in agony, she hadn't killed anyone.
- 9. Victor wanted to kill himself.
- 10. The Alps, the wild beauty of the mountains helped Victor to forget his problems.
- 11. The monster was quite satisfied with his life.
- 12. The monster was ready to fight back and kill his creator.
- 13. The monster wanted not only life but also love.

Task 2. Explain why:

- 1. Justine was arrested and killed by court of justice.
- 2. Victor could no longer stay with his family.
- 3. Victor decided to listen to the monster's story.

Chapter 7.

Task 1. Answer the following questions.

- 1. What feelings did the monster have at first, after a while?
- 2. How did he get his first breakfast?
- 3. What happened in the village?
- 4. Where did he live later?
- 5. Who lived in a small house in the mountains?
- 6. It was a friendly house, wasn't it?
- 7. Where did the monster get his food?
- 8. How did he try to help the family?
- 9. Who taught him to speak?
- 10. How did the monster feel when he saw his face in the water?

Task 2. Explain why:

- the monster had to run, escape from people and hide;
- the monster was deeply and truly unhappy.

Chapter 8.

Task 1. Find in the text:

- what the monster learned from Felix (who was teaching the lady on horseback);
- how the monster felt as he learned about the good and the evil, about love between mother and father;
- why Felix's family were so poor and often sad;
- why Sophie and Felix were not able to marry;
- what the old blind man promised the monster;

- what the monster was looking for;
- what Felix, Sophie and Agatha felt at the sight of the monster, how they behaved;

Task 2. Explain why:

- Felix taught Sophie;
- the family was in a fix;
- the monster wanted to speak to the father first;
- he monster's heart was heavy and he lost hope.

Chapter 9, 10.

Task 1. Are these statements true or false?

- 1. The monster was ready to hurt/kill the people who had hurt him.
- 2. 2. The monster had no idea where to go.
- 3. The girl and her father thanked the monster for saving the girl's life.
- 4. The monster became sadder and angrier as he got to know people better.
- 5. It was part of the monster's plan to kill the child from the Frankenstein family.
- 6. A pretty young woman was wearing a gold chain round her neck.
- 7. The monster wanted another creature like himself to keep his company.
- 8. The monster promised to stay away from other people.
- 9. Victor was not going marry Elizabeth because he loved another woman.
- 10. Victor travelled to England all alone.
- 11. He opened/ started another laboratory in London.

Chapter 11, 12.

Task 1. Explain why:

- Victor was deep in thought before finishing the woman monster;
- Victor destroyed the woman monster's body;
- The monster was ready to destroy Victor's hopes and happiness;
- Victor felt happier than he had felt for months;
- Mr Kerwin the judge wanted to see Victor;
- Victor felt terrible fear;
- Victor was terribly ill for two months (with a kind of madness);
- Father was unable to understand Victor's awful words;
- Elizabeth had sad thoughts about her possible marriage to Victor;
- Victor was willing to face his monster.

Chapter 13, 14, 15.

Task 1. Who...?

- 1. was planning to spend the night at a hotel on the other side of the lake;
- 2. carried a knife and a gun everywhere he went;
- 3. searched every corner of the hotel;
- 4. killed Elizabeth and how:
- 5. else died in Victor's hands but was not killed by the monster;
- 6. was put in prison because of his madness;
- 7. promised to stay alive until he killed the monster;
- 8. wanted Victor to live and suffer as long as possible;
- 9. was only happy when he was asleep;
- 10. was going north;
- 11. what carried the monster away from Philipp;
- 12. welcomed death

Task 2. Answer the questions.

1. What happened to Victor in the end?

- 2. Why was captain Walton sad and happy at the same time?3. How did the monster feel about killing people?4. What were the monster's plans? Why?