

***FRANKENSTEIN* (1818)**

by Mary Shelley

PLOT SUMMARY

A young English explorer, Robert **Walton**, is on an expedition to the North Pole.

One day, when the ship is surrounded by ice, a man in a bad condition is taken aboard; his name is **Victor Frankenstein**.

As soon as his health allows it, he tells Walton the story of his life.

He was a Swiss **scientist**, interested in natural philosophy, electricity, chemistry and mathematics. After years of labour, he succeeded in **creating a human being by combining parts he had taken from corpses**.

But when the creature finally came to life, Frankenstein was horrified by what he had done.

A tragic chain of events began, and everything Frankenstein loved, including his new wife Elizabeth, was destroyed by this monstrous creature. At the end of the novel, Frankenstein dies on Walton's ship, wishing he had killed his creation.

The monster, upon seeing his creator's dead body, disappears into the Arctic declaring that he will kill himself.