***Frankenstein***

*Comprehension Check Questions: Chapters 1-2*

**Chapter One**

1. Tell how Victor Frankenstein’s parents met.

2. Summarize how Mary Shelley interjects her social interest of caring for the poor into *Frankenstein*.

3. Show how Shelley portrays the women, Caroline and Elizabeth, in Chapter One.

4. Describe Victor’s childhood.

5. Explain how Elizabeth comes into the Frankenstein home.

6. Assess how Victor feels about Elizabeth.

**Chapter Two**

1. Tell about Victor’s social tendencies and how he interacts with friends.

2. Contrast Victor’s academic interests with those of his friend, Henry Clerval.

3. Infer Victor’s meaning when he says of his desire to learn about science: “I find it arise, like a mountain river, from ignoble and almost forgotten sources; but, swelling as it proceeded, it became the torrent which, in its course, has swept away all my hopes and joys.” (p.34)

4. Which authors and topics does Victor become obsessed with reading?

5. Generalize how Victor learns about alchemy and natural science. How does this fit with the characteristics of Romanticism?

6. Describe Victor’s experience with lightning. How was it a turning point in his life?

7. Explain Victor’s destiny. Locate a quote from the novel to support your answer.