

Always use the prompt sheet to outline & brainstorm

Essays must include the following

- Title and author
- Literary elements and quotes
- Word choice, powerful vocabulary that flows naturally
- Analysis/ Proof/ specifics - (not plot summary)
- Theme / MOWAAW (meaning of work as a whole)

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| • Creature and DeLacey family | Frankenstein family and DeLacey family |
| • Victor and his father | Safia and Creature |
| • Victor and Robert | |
| • Victor and Henry | |
| • Victor and Creature | |
- Upbringings are different
 - Blindness of Old DeLacy and Victor!!!
 - Girl in river – contrasts/ compares Victor and Creature
 - Both motherless
 - Victor’s arrogance with “I’ll be with you on your wedding night” (like Creon)

Analysis includes ideas such as these:

- Why the Delacey family? What about this particular family appealed to Creature?
- How did Victor’s father’s rejection of Victor’s chosen branch of science affect Victor? Specifically?
 - It was the first time he told Victor “no.”
- The distinctive characteristics and qualities of both characters; main theme; state the personality traits
- Weave quotes to prove your points. Quotes should not be stand alone sentences.

Avoid impossible statements

- if creature had not be born....
- Victor’s would not have returned if not for....
- If Victor had not run from his creation...
- We only have the words that Shelley wrote. That’s the story. We can’t prove anything else; we work with the words she wrote, not *what if* statements.

Be Definite – avoid weak statements such as “seems to be,” “perhaps,” and the like

No Monster – Creature is in this work, and he is NOT a monster. He is a creature.

Punctuation – usually goes outside of quotes

Present tense – Write about literature in the present tense; use present tense verbs

Focus – On the characters you choose

Sublime – beautiful, so perfect it is almost too powerful (frightening); this is a Romantic work

Avoid *blah* – (filler, empty, meaningless words and phrases that only take up space)

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| • thousands of readers have adored this work | • the creature appears to understand |
| • for hundreds of years | • this is the quote that shows... |
| • famous novel | • ray of sunshine |
| • groundbreaking work | • blah, blah, blah |