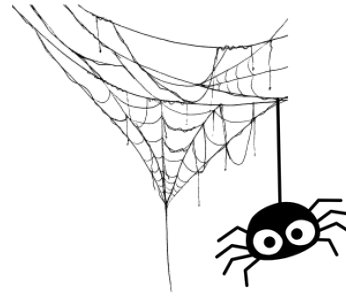# HALLOWEEN
Activities

Frankenstein Video Activity B1-B2

Before watching activity:

What do you know about Frankenstein?

Have you ever seen a film or read a book about this story?

Now watch the trailer of the film and answer the questions that follow. Be careful as it is both an audio and a visual activity!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQt9BbylCwI

1 The trailer starts with one of the main characters of the film, Victor Frankenstein, the scientist who created the famous monster. What is his goal as stated in the first few seconds of the trailer?

2 Why does another character warn against the suggestion made by Frankenstein?

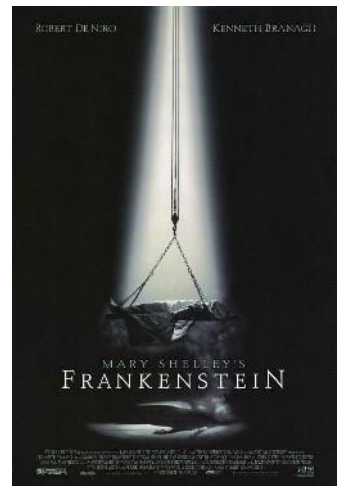**3 How does the scientist feel when he finds the correct combination?**

4 What element does the scientist use to bring the creature to life?

5 What does the creature ask Frankenstein?

6 What does the creature do to the female character?

7 What elements has the director of the film used to create a scary atmosphere?

8 How did you feel about this video? Would you like to watch this film? Why/ why not?

Use the words below to complete the paragraph about the book on which the film was based:

life   loneliness   name   tragic   novel   different   time   being

Frankenstein is a famous …………….. written by Mary Shelley in 1818. It tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a living………… from parts of dead bodies. Victor brings the creature to …………. but when he sees how it looks, he is horrified and abandons it. The creature, who has no …………. feels lonely and sad because people are afraid of him and treat him badly. This makes the creature angry, leading to many ……………… events. The novel explores themes such as ambition, responsibility, and ………… It also asks important questions about the dangers of science and how humans should treat those who are …………..Shelley wrote *Frankenstein* when she was just 18 years old,   inspired by the scientific ideas of her ……………

Now watch one of the final scenes of the film:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cW967LOmOXE

Have your feelings towards the creature changed after reading the paragraph and watching the video? If yes, in what way? If no, why is that? Justify your answers.

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Answers to the questions:

1 The speaker's goal is to stop death and prevent anyone from dying.

2 Because it is not only illegal but also immoral.

3 He feels excited

4 He uses electricity produced by the thunderstorm.

5 If he ever considered the consequences of his actions.

6 He uses his hand to close her mouth.

7 Dark rooms lit by candles, storms, screams, eerie music

8 Students' own answers

Vocabulary activity:

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The film

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein is a 1994 science fiction horror film directed by Kenneth Branagh who also stars as Victor Frankenstein, with Robert De Niro portraying Frankenstein's monster (called The Creation in the film), and co-stars Tom Hulce, Helena Bonham Carter, Ian Holm, John Cleese, Richard Briers and Aidan Quinn. Considered the most faithful film adaptation of Mary Shelley's 1818 novel, *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*, despite several differences and additions in plot from the novel, the film follows a medical student named Victor Frankenstein who creates new life in the form of a monster composed of various corpses' body parts. **(information from Wikipedia)**

The book

Frankenstein; *or, The Modern Prometheus* is an 1818 novel written by English author Mary Shelley. *Frankenstein* tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a sapient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment. Shelley started writing the story when she was 18, and the first edition was published anonymously in London on 1 January 1818, when she was 20. Her name first appeared in the second edition, which was published in Paris in 1821. **(information from Wikipedia)**

The author

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (1797 – 1851) was an English novelist who wrote the Gothic novel *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* (1818), which is considered an early example of science fiction.She also edited and promoted the works of her husband, the Romantic poet and philosopher Percy Bysshe Shelley. Her father was the political philosopher William Godwin and her mother was the philosopher and women's rights advocate Mary Wollstonecraft. **(information from Wikipedia)**

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