

## Frankenstein Study Questions

You are to answer the following questions fully. Explain your answers and reference the text as necessary to provide support.

### Chapters XXIII and XXIV

1. What does the word “acme” mean in the following context: Mine has been a tale of horrors; I have reached their **acme**, and what I must now relate can but be tedious to you”?
2. Victor, in his anger, says to the magistrate, “How ignorant art thou in thy pride of wisdom.” What is the irony in this?
3. What does the creature want Victor to do now? (Chapter XXIV) How does that show a difference?
4. Consider Victor’s statement: “When I reflected on the work I had completed, no less a one than the creation of a sensitive and rational animal, I could not rank myself with the herd or common projectors...All my speculations and hopes are as nothing; and, like the archangel who aspired to omnipotence, I am chained to eternal hell.” How does this establish Victor as a tragic hero?
5. On his deathbed, Victor admits that he had an obligation to make sure his creature had a happy life. What is ironic about the excuse he offers for not doing so?

