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Reader Response Peer Review

Instructions: Read the paper once without pausing to write comments. Then read the paper again with the following questions in mind.

1. Does the introduction clearly present the writer's goal? If so, please write the goal of the essay below.

Yes. The author's goal was to share the exciting story of Shelley and focus on the creation of the book. He also wants readers to understand the parallel with his

2. Does the writer incorporate an effective introduction in order to make the paper's goal appear interesting and important? If so, write down the strategy below.

Yes. The author had a build up prior to when he started his introduction in the end. son
life.

3. Does the writer employ varied sentence structures or does he/she repeat the same structures throughout the essay? Circle one sentence that would benefit from being rewritten. Write down the essay's best sentence below.

I would say many sentence structures are repeated.

#3 This novel serves as a cautionary tale for us today for what could happen...

4. Does the conclusion present a judgment or culminating idea? If so, write it down below. If not, provide the writer with an example of how he/she might more effectively end the essay.

I would say the conclusion just compares to the introduction.

5. Does the writer use punctuation properly? Is the semi-colon overused? Does the writer make use of hyphen and colons when appropriate? Circle any places where you think the punctuation may be improved and suggest potential alternatives.

Yes

6. List one way this essay could be improved.

make sure to expand on your points and quotes in the proper place

7. Respond to the author's specific concerns:

1) I would say your transition

2) Yes, this is clearly presented in opening para

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Frankenstein, Reader Response Essay

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* tells the story of a talented scientist in Victor Frankenstein who becomes obsessed with reanimating a lifeless corpse. Eventually, Frankenstein does accomplish this feat, but he lives to regret it as his new creation is nothing like he expected. This story is still heavily discussed because of its relevance to our world today. This novel serves as a cautionary tale for us today for what could happen if we try to step beyond our boundaries in the world of science. The story also touches a soft spot for me because I can't help but relate Frankenstein's experiences that of my own.

not good word choice
pick one
what?
different word

With this story, Shelley is trying to warn us of what could happen if we continue trying to use technology and knowledge for our own selfish reasons. "A new species would bless me as its creator and source; many happy and excellent natures would owe their being to me" (92). Here Victor is thinking about how he will be seen by others if he can pull off this accomplishment that no one else has ever done. He makes himself seem godlike when he talks about being a "creator". I believe that Victor did truly want to push the boundaries of science to new heights, but I also believe that it was fueled by his arrogance and his obsession to become like God.

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 When talking about God and the story, I can't help but think back to *Paradise Lost* by John Milton. Here we have Adam who has just been kicked out of the Garden of Eden and he's

trying to appeal to God basically asking for another chance. If we look at the similarities between this story and Frankenstein, we can see that the monster ^{acts} as Adam and of course Victor ^{acts} as God. Both Adam and Frankenstein's monster weren't asked to be created. "Did I

request thee, Maker, from my Clay To mould me Man, did I sollicite thee From darkness to

promote me, or here place In this delicious Garden" (Milton 743-746). Adam is asking God why

he was made in the first place and then to make matters worse put into a Garden filled with

delicacies. "Cursed, cursed creator! Why did I live? Why, in that instant, did I not extinguish the

spark of existence which you had so wantonly bestowed? I know not; despair had not yet taken

possession of me; my feelings were those of rage and revenge" (Shelley 146). Frankenstein's

monster also questions his existence and wishes his creator would've just left him dead. There is

also a similarity between Victor and Adam ~~though~~. Adam was sent out from the Garden of Eden

because he ate from the Tree of Good and Evil trying to expand his knowledge to be like God.

Him doing this led to a lot of the pain we face in the world. Victor also wanted to expand his

knowledge of life and death by reanimating this corpse. This ultimately led to the monster killing

off all of Frankenstein's close friends and family. Shelley ^{tries} was trying to warn readers about the

dangers of expanding knowledge for the purpose of someone's own selfish goals.

→ all ready been said

While reading Frankenstein, I related much of it to that of my own life. Now I'm not at

all trying to compare our two experiences. My father is in my life [↑] but sometimes it feels as

though he doesn't want his children [↑] or he feels like his life would've been better off not having

kids. The same thing is clearly seen in Frankenstein. Victor shows no affection towards his

creation. On the contrary, he shows disgust and hate towards him. The emotions that I experience

when I feel this way is bad enough so I can't even begin to imagine how Frankenstein's monster is feeling throughout the story. *→ you can because the creator tells us*

Frankenstein stands a good reference for what society can become when we try to gain knowledge and apply it for evil purposes. It's also a warning for what can happen if you try to push the moral limits of science *also* and it's a soft spot for me because of the similarities between Frankenstein and my own father.