

# Frankenstein

From the story by Mary Shelley

## FRANKENSTEIN

Before reading:

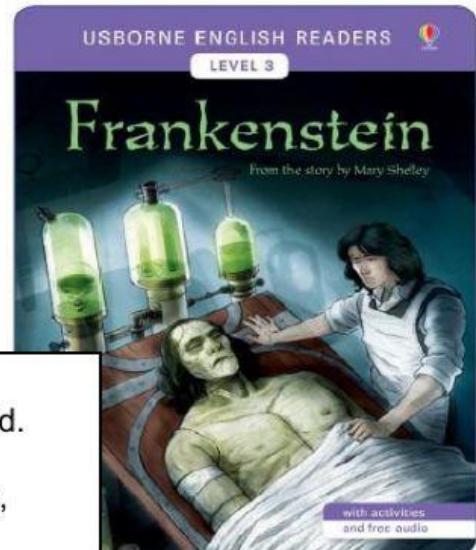
There are probably more films of this sad and frightening story than of any other story in the world.

Why do so many people like it? Is it because Frankenstein's monster is something we all know, something from our worst dreams?

It is an old story, and a new story - 'old' because it was written more than 180 years ago; 'new' because

Frankenstein's problem is the same problem that scientists have today. Science gives us many wonderful discoveries - machines, computers, weapons - but how do we use these things? Will they give us a better life, or will they destroy us in the end?

Victor Frankenstein creates a new man, bigger and stronger than any other man - a huge and frightening monster. But even monsters need love, and when his creator turns away from him, the monster begins to destroy everything that Frankenstein loves ...



After reading the introduction to the story, choose the best word to complete the passage:

Victor Frankenstein is a 1) **monster** **I** **scientist**. He takes parts from

2) **dead** **I** **living** people and builds a new 3) **machine** **I** **man** with

them. This 4) **huge** **I** **small** and 5) **beautiful** **I** **ugly** monster needs

6) **food** **I** **love**, but 7) **everybody** **I** **nobody** cares about him, and so

he soon learns to 8) **hate** **I** **hope**. Because he is 9) **happy** **I**

10) **turns to** **I** **against** the man who created him, and

11) **destroys** **I** **steals** everything that Frankenstein loves.