



**Read the text and mark the statements**

**True (1),**

**False (2),**

**Not Stated (3).**

### **Frankenstein**

At the beginning of the novel the explorer Robert Walton is looking for a new passage from Russia to the Pacific Ocean via the Arctic Ocean. After weeks at sea, the crew of Walton's ship finds a man, Victor Frankenstein, floating on ice almost dead. In Walton's series of letters to his sister in England, he retells Victor's tragic story.

Victor grew up in Geneva, Switzerland. He was a talented child, quick to learn all new subjects. Victor was good at the sciences and wanted to study science. At the university Victor was involved with his studies for two years. He invented a plan to recreate and reanimate a dead body. He used a combination of chemistry, alchemy, and electricity to make his ambition a reality.

However, even Frankenstein was frightened when he saw the fruit of his insane fantasy. The monster ran away from the laboratory and appeared sometime later in the Alps, where all the men he saw didn't want to communicate with him, not so much for his ugliness as for his clearly non-human features. Soon Victor got a letter telling him to come home immediately since an unknown person had murdered his youngest brother, William. Victor knew who the killer was but could not tell his family or the police. One day he saw the monster. He had come to discuss with his maker an interesting proposal — he wanted Victor to make him a friend. Victor refused, and the monster asked to hear his part of the story.

The monster had taught himself to read and understand the language so that he could follow the lives of his "adoptive" family, the De Lacey's. While the monster wandered the woods, he came upon a jacket with a notebook and letters that had been lost by Victor. From the notes, the monster learnt of his creation. He decided to take revenge on his creator's family for the injury and sorrow he had suffered from others.

The monster promised Victor that he would leave Europe and move to South America if he made another monster. Victor agreed to begin work on a second creation and made plans to go to Scotland, with his only friend Henry Clerval, to begin his secret work. Before he left Geneva, Victor agreed to marry Elizabeth, the girl who had been adopted by his family, immediately upon his return from the British Isles. Victor decided to destroy his project and went out to sea to throw the remains. The monster promised to take revenge on Victor. While at sea, Victor's boat was blown off the course by a sudden storm, and he ended up in Ireland. Henry Clerval died during the storm. Victor was miserable knowing he had caused the deaths of so many people. Some time later he recovered and started preparations for his marriage to Elizabeth.

The wedding date was set and Victor was afraid of the monster's threat to be with him on his wedding night. The wedding went off as planned. While Victor made sure he covered all possible entrances that the monster could use to get into the wedding chamber, the monster crawled into Elizabeth's room and strangled (задушила) her.

Victor wanted revenge and chased the monster through Europe and Russia. Victor nearly caught the monster near the Arctic Circle when Robert Walton discovered him. Victor was taken aboard Walton's ship to recover from exhaustion.

The monster appeared out of the mist and ice to visit his enemy for the last time. The monster entered the cabin of the ship and told Walton his story. Victor died, and the monster disappeared in the waves and darkness, never to be seen again.

- When Victor Frankenstein was found in the Arctic, he wasn't alive.
- His story was so fantastic that nobody believed it.
- Victor was a talented scientist who invented a method of returning life to the dead.
- All the scientists and common people appreciated Victor's work.
- Victor's creation had his features of character.
- The monster wanted to become a member of Victor's family.
- As Victor refused to create a partner for the monster the monster started his revenge.
- When the monster appeared on the ship, he was wearing a black raincoat.
- In the end the monster killed himself.