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Science fiction: the early history

At the end of the 18th century, few people had any idea of how industrial capitalism [1] ..... the world. Modern scientists [2] ..... the technology to build large factories, rapid large-scale transportation and new energy sources. Soon, vast numbers of people [3] ..... their lives working in factories, in coal mines, on railroads and on ships. Workers [4] ..... alienated from the means of production and their own products and [5] ..... themselves increasingly separated from nature and from each other.

One of the first works of modern science fiction [6] ..... from this period: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* (1818). Less than a decade after *Frankenstein*, Shelley [7] ..... one of the first science fiction visions of the end of the world; in her *The Last Man* (1826), the main character wanders alone over a dead planet, sampling the useless achievements of all human society. Mary Shelley set this scene in the year 2100.

