

FRANKENSTEIN ACTIVITY - THEMES - BEING HUMAN

Learning Outcome:

How is the theme of 'being human' explored in the story of Frankenstein?

Shelley's novel helps us think about that question by asking us to consider in what ways the Creature is human, and in what ways he isn't.

What do you think it means to be human? List your ideas below.

Now list what traits or qualities the Creature shares in the novel. Remember to provide evidence through quotes & their page number

So based on your list above, is the Creature really a human? YES NO

Which arguments appear in both sections? Why?

Is the Monster really a human?

Write a paragraph arguing your point of view? Make sure you explain what the other side of the argument is and why you think it is weaker than yours.

The same can be asked of Victor Frankenstein—not whether he is human or not (he is), but in what ways does he decide to give up important parts of his humanity, like responsibility and compassion.

List your ideas below providing evidence through quotes and page numbers

Which arguments appear on both sections, from above & the list of traits or qualities the creature shared & why?

After Victor Frankenstein creates the Creature, he pretty much leaves him on his own. Worse, he berates the Creature, calling him "Devil" and "Abhorred monster." Rebuked as well by others, the Creature then kills Frankenstein's younger brother.

When Frankenstein and the Creature meet again, the Creature demands that Frankenstein create a female for him. "*I am malicious because I am miserable,*" he tells him. "*What I ask of you is reasonable and moderate; I demand a creature of another sex, but as hideous as myself: the gratification is small, but it is all that I can receive, and it shall content me.*" The Creature then promises that he and his companion will run off to South America.

What would you do if you were Victor Frankenstein?

Would you create a female companion for the creature?

YES

NO

Should you create a She-Creature?

Write a paragraph arguing your point of view? Make sure you explain what the other side of the argument is and why you think it is weaker than yours.



'What does it mean to be human? As you may have found there is of course no single, definitive answer, but at school part of what it means to be human is learning & growing together in a community'.