**Frankenstein Study Guide**

**Sample Character List:**

Victor Frankenstein  Henry Clerval  M. Waldman  
Alphonse Frankenstein  William Frankenstein  M. Krempe  
Elizabeth Lavenza  Justine Moritz  Mr. Kirwin  
Robert Walton  Caroline Beaufort  M. De Lacey  
the “monster”  Beaufort  Felix De Lacey  
Agatha De Lacey  Safie  Margaret De Lacey

**Questions to Answer:**

1. How do the structures of *Frankenstein* and “Rime of the Ancient Mariner” compare with one another?
2. How do the characters of Victor Frankenstein, Robert Walton, and the Ancient Mariner compare (not contrast)?
3. How could Victor Frankenstein and Henry Clerval be foils for one another?
4. Compare and contrast the characters of Victor Frankenstein and his creation.
5. Why is “The Modern Prometheus” an apt alternate title for the novel?
6. How does Shelley utilize foreshadowing and irony within the course of the novel?
7. How do the characters of Victor and the creature grow increasingly similar?
8. Choose a theme or issue from the novel and trace its development through the course of the novel.
9. Is the creature justified in his actions? Support your answer with examples from the text.
10. How does knowledge affect Walton, Victor, the creature and the Ancient Mariner?
11. With whom do you sympathize the most? Justify your answer using the text.
12. Antithesis can mean a contrast of ideas in a major literary work. Discuss one of the following antitheses below in a textually supported analysis:
   - passion & reason  - natural & unnatural  - known & unknown
   - civilized & savage  - masculine & feminine  - beautiful & ugly
   - goo & bad  - light & dark  - heat & cold

**Question Types to Expect:**

- true/false  - multiple choice
- short answer  - essay
- fill in the blank  - matching