

FRANKENBLOGS 11H

BLOG POST #1

Title: Tabula Rasa

Minimum Word Count: 300

- What is tabula rasa?
- Do you agree that people are truly a blank slate at birth?
- What shapes people more: nature or nurture?
 - Nature: genes, biology, hormones, inherent traits, “hardwired” characteristics, etc.
 - Nurture: experiences, environment, learned behaviors, how we were raised, etc.
- Does every child need “mothering”
- Is it a parent’s job or society’s job to nurture a child?
- Do/should all parents love their children unconditionally, no matter how they look or act?

BLOG POST #2

Title: Role of Parents

Minimum Word Count: 300

Prompt: Revisit what you wrote in your first blog post and now apply it to *Frankenstein*.

- What responsibility does Victor, as the creator, have towards his creation?
- Should Victor have been a father to his creation? Should he have nurtured and raised him? Should he have destroyed him?
- Should Victor have isolated him from society or integrated him into the world?
- How much is Victor to blame for the creature becoming a murderer?

BLOG POST #3

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BLOG POST #4

Title: Ethical Dilemma

Minimum Word Count: 300

Prompt: Should Victor create a mate for the creature? Explore both sides before stating your claim.

- **Ethics:** moral principles that govern a person’s behavior; the moral correctness of action; a system of moral principles; the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group
- **Ethical Dilemma:** a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two courses of action, either of which results in violating a moral principle

BLOG POST #5

Title: The Dark Side

Minimum Word Count: 200

Prompt: Explore the creature's descent into someone who bears "eternal hatred and vengeance to all mankind."

- How do rejection, abandonment, and isolation play a crucial role in the transformation?
- Was this outcome inevitable or avoidable? Was he destined to become this way because he was "born" with an evil heart (nature), or is it a result of his "upbringing" and experiences (nurture)?
- What is the turning point in his life? What tips the scales toward the dark side?
- Do you feel sympathy for him?

BLOG POST #6

Title: Sublime

Minimum Word Count: 200

Prompt: Explore the significance of sublime nature (the healing, majestic, and awe-inspiring qualities of nature) in *Frankenstein*.

- Why does Victor visit several beautiful places?
- Ice is a prevalent motif in *Frankenstein*. What might it represent and why is it appropriate that the novel begins and ends in ice?
- Do you personally believe in sublime nature? What place would you consider an excellent example of sublime nature? Have you ever been there? Include a picture.

BLOG POST #7

Title: Do You Even Clone, Bro?

Minimum Word Count: 200

Prompt: (After reading articles) What is the role of ethics in scientific research?

- NOTE: First, write ***generally*** about the topic of Bioethics. Then, write ***specifically*** about the topic of cloning and/or genetic engineering.
- How can the pursuit of knowledge be dangerous?
- Just because technology exists, should it always be acted upon?
- What are the ethical implications of cloning and/or genetic engineering?
- Should scientists pursue human cloning? Why or why not?

DUE DATE: Tuesday, October