

HISTORICAL CONTEXT	CHARACTERS	PLOT
<p>Historical context – the play is based on the novel <i>Frankenstein</i></p> <p><i>Frankenstein</i> is a novel written by English author Mary Shelley (1797–1851) that tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a hideous, creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment. Shelley started writing the story when she was 18, and the first edition of the novel was published anonymously in London on 1 January 1818, when she was 20.</p> <p>Shelley travelled through Europe in 1814, journeying along the river Rhine in Germany with a stop in Gernsheim, which is 17 kilometres (11 mi) away from Frankenstein Castle, where, two centuries before, an alchemist was engaged in experiments. Later, she travelled in the region of Geneva (Switzerland)—where much of the story takes place—and the topic</p>	<p>Captain Walton: An Arctic explorer who has now come across something new that has shaken him to new depths</p> <p>Frankenstein : a young man full of strange ideas</p> <p>Clerval : Frankenstein’s friend</p> <p>Landlady: middle aged</p> <p>Elizabeth : she loves Frankenstein without understanding him</p> <p>The Monster : hideous looking creation of Frankenstein</p> <p>Felix : young and quick tempered</p> <p>Agathe : blind but knows where everything is</p>	<p>Robert Walton, an explorer, tells how he has met Victor Frankenstein in the Arctic after earlier having seen a 'gigantic figure' crossing the ice.</p> <p>Victor tells of his childhood and his caring family, particularly of his love for his foster sister Elizabeth. His mother dies of fever just before he leaves to study at university.</p> <p>While at university, Victor's interest in science becomes an obsession. Victor uses dead bodies to experiment on and creates a monster made of body parts. He is immediately disgusted by the thing he has created and abandons it.</p> <p>Victor's brother William is murdered and Justine Moritz, a family servant, is executed for it. However, Victor believes the Monster is to blame after witnessing it at the scene of the murder.</p> <p>The Monster and Victor meet in the Swiss mountains. The Monster tells the story of</p>