

C&T CLASS NOTES FOR THE 3rd READING OF FRANKENSTEIN

Order of Events

- Victor travels to England with Henry to create the new monster
- Goes off to a quiet island with few inhabitants to do his work
- Victor decides to destroy the monster when almost completed (he started thinking of the horrible consequences that might arise if he completes the new monster)
- Old monster threatens Victor
- Monster kills Henry—Victor accused of murder, he then falls ill, father comes for him
- Victor returns to marry Elizabeth
- Monster kills Elizabeth
- Victor goes to magistrate, magistrate says he doesn't see how he could help
- Victor goes off on his own on a trip
- Victor's father dies
- Victor is rescued by Walton
- Victor dies
- Monster laments

Important Points

1. Monster is miserable. Why would he want to continue living?
2. Why did the monster commit the crimes? → To gain attention, make others miserable, so that he would have company?
3. How do Victor and the monster compare?

Monster has a backbone?

Victor has no backbone?

4. Is there a hero in the book? If so, is it the monster?
5. Could we look at the monster as more of a child (as if he were Victor's offspring) than a monster?
6. Shouldn't the monster have a sense of morals?
7. Scale of 1 to 10, who's better Victor or Monster?
8. What caused the malice and hatred in the monster? → Victor, Family, Society