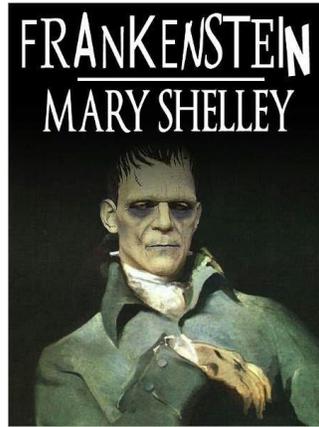


# 10th Grade Honors Summer Reading 2022

Cultivate the habit of reading and escape into new worlds this summer! Dive into the land of horror and science fiction through the classic novel, *Frankenstein*!

Required Novel: *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley



*\*Students are not required to purchase the novel, unless they would like to have their own copy. The PDF version of the novel is available on the APG webpage.*

**Assignment:** Students will complete the attached Dialectical Journal assignment below.

**Due date:** The Summer Reading assignment will be due **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**HAPPY READING!**

From,

Your English II Teachers!

# **Dialectical Journal for *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley**

## **Honors**

### **Background**

Dialectical journals reflect Socrates' philosophy of inquiry where one seeks to answer questions through reflecting, thinking, and questioning. In *The History of Philosophy*, Thomas Stanley (1655) describes the dialectical process as discourse using short questions and answers. Both definitions are valid for our use.

The term "Dialectic" means "the art of practice of arriving at the truth by using conversation involving question and answer." Think of your Dialectical Journal as a series of conversations with the texts we read during this course. The process is meant to help you develop a better understanding of the texts we read.

### **Procedure:**

- o As you read, choose passages that stand out to you and record them in the left-hand column the chart (ALWAYS include citations MLA).
- o In the right column, write your response to the text (ideas/insights, questions, reflections, and comments on each passage)
- o You must label your responses using the following codes:
  - o (Q) Question – ask about something in the passage that is unclear
  - o (C) Connect – make a connection to your life, the world, or another text
  - o (P) Predict – anticipate what will occur based on what's in the passage
  - o (CL) Clarify – answer earlier questions or confirm/disaffirm a prediction
  - o (R) Reflect – think deeply about what the passage means in a broad sense – not just to the characters in the story/author of the article. What conclusions can you draw about the world, about human nature, or just the way things work?
  - o (E) Evaluate - make a judgment about what the author is trying to say

### **CHOOSING PASSAGES FROM THE TEXT:**

Look for quotes that seem significant, powerful, thought provoking or puzzling. For example, you might record:

- o Effective &/or creative use of stylistic or literary devices
- o Passages that remind you of your own life or something you've seen before
- o Structural shifts or turns in the plot
- o A passage that makes you realize something you hadn't seen before
- o Examples of patterns: recurring images, ideas, colors, symbols or motifs.
- o Passages with confusing language or unfamiliar vocabulary
- o Events you find surprising or confusing
- o Passages that illustrate a particular character or setting

### **RESPONDING TO THE TEXT:**

You can respond to the text in a variety of ways. The most important thing to remember is that your observations should be specific and detailed. You can write as much as you want for each entry. You can choose to type and save your journals as PDFs or you can write by hand and then scan and save as PDF.

**DUE Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**Sample Dialectical Journal Entry:**

<p>Passages from the text- - Must quote at least 10. Make sure to number them. Cite the text MLA format.</p> <p>Example: (Shelley 25).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Author's Last Name</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Page number</div> </div>	 <p>EACH Passage you Quote must relate to one of the following codes above. Make sure to use each code, at least once. Using the same codes for most or all of your entries will result in a lower score. For each response, there is a <b>100-word</b> minimum.</p>
<p>1. "My father had a sister, whom he tenderly loved, and who had married early in life an Italian gentleman...About the time I mentioned she died; and a few months afterward he received a letter from her husband, acquainting him with his intention of marrying an Italian lady, and requesting my father take charge of the infant Elizabeth, the only child of his deceased sister" (Shelley 19).</p>	<p><b>(Q)</b> How ironic is it that the author describes the sister's husband as an 'Italian gentlemen' when his actions contradict the construct of the very word 'gentlemen'. This "gentleman", addressed with no name, of the Italian descent, has chosen to remarry after his wife's death. While this act alone, does discredit the widow from being labeled a gentleman, his motivation to give his daughter to her uncle to be raised does. This text takes place in the early 1800s, so the life of people was not long. Many people remarried due to early death, especially because women often died in child birth. This was the zeitgeist of the era. Was the soon to be stepmother not acceptable to raise the daughter? Being that this was a cultural norm, why is the father willing to "give" his daughter away, and what does this say about his character? Gentleman is a word that may not need to be applied in this case. A gentleman will lead, protect, and serve. The father is not offering this protection to his own daughter. <b>(177 words)</b></p>

**Suggested Reading Schedule:**

<b>Week 1 June 13-17, 2022</b>	The Letters I - IV
<b>Week 2 June 20-24, 2022</b>	Chapters 1-4
<b>Week 3 June 27 - July 1, 2022</b>	Chapters 5-9
<b>Week 4 July 11-15, 2022</b>	Chapters 10-12
<b>Week 5 July 18-22, 2022</b>	Chapters 13-15
<b>Week 6 July 26-29, 2022</b>	Chapters 16-19
<b>Week 7 August 1-5, 2022</b>	Chapters 20-23 & Walton

**Note:** There are several ways to acquire the novel:

1. Open and read from the pdf. (attached)
2. Purchase the book (Amazon, local bookstore)
3. Check the book out (local library)
4. Electronic purchases {Kindle (Free), Apple Books (Free), etc.}

