

# Homework for Thursday 29 January

- > Use the list of arguments (slide 2) to write a well-structured recap on Frankenstein
- > Prepare notes in preparation for the oral task: list reasons to blame him and arguments to defend him

You can find an accurate summary of Shelley's novel here:

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/frankenstein/summary/>

Follow this link to read or listen to the chapter in which the creature comes to life:

- <https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/128/frankenstein-or-the-modern-prometheus/2295/chapter-5/>

## RELEVANT:

- It's a warning against the consequences brought about by our actions, even unforeseen (= unpredicted)
- Reminder for scientists that they too need to think about the moral ramifications of their research
- Could be applied to breakthroughs (= discoveries) made by scientists today > such as AI (sentient?)

## NOT RELEVANT:

- Today, the story couldn't happen that way because of the oversight of the scientific community
- Too fanciful // not just impossible today, completely implausible story
- Science used today with specific purposes, to fulfil human needs / desires

It could look at first sight like Mary Shelley's famous novel *Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus*, published in 1818 is ...

However upon closer scrutiny, it can be argued that the first example of science-fiction in literature is still relevant even today. Indeed ...