

Mary Shelley and the Birth of Frankenstein: An Introduction to the Novel

To really understand Mary Shelley and this novel, it is essential for you to understand her unusual upbringing...

William Godwin:

Mary Wollstonecraft:

The Environment of Mary's Upbringing:

Enter: Percy Bysshe Shelley

The Year Without a Summer and Villa Diodati

The Legacy of Frankenstein:

Scientific Context of the Novel

Related Works of Literature

- Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner"
- Milton's Paradise Lost
- Goethe's The Sorrows of Young Werter

Frankenstein as a Gothic Novel