**Frankenstein Questions. Chapters 7-9**

**Chapter Seven**

1. How does William die?

2. Why does Elizabeth blame herself?

3. How long has it been since Victor has been home?

4. Contrast Victor’s feelings about the Swiss landscape during the day with how he views it at night.

5. Examine how the author utilizes the lightning motif as Victor returns home.

6. How does Victor talk himself out of pursuing the beast?

7. Do you believe that Victor could have prevented William’s death if he had come home sooner? Why or why not?

8. Explain what Victor mistakenly believes when he tells Ernest, “The murderer discovered! Good God! How can that be? Who could attempt to pursue him? It is impossible; one might as well try to overtake the winds, or confine a mountain stream with straw.”

9. Specify the evidence that is used to charge Justine with the crime.

10. Why does Elizabeth refuse to believe that Justine is guilty?

**Chapter Eight**

1. Tell why Victor does not announce the real murderer, nor confess to the crime himself.

2. Discuss how the evidence against Justine builds.

3. Examine the accuracy of Justine’s assertion, “I believe that I have no enemy on earth, and none surely would have been so wicked as to destroy me wantonly.”

4. Explain how Elizabeth defends Justine.

5. Why does Victor claim he is suffering worse than the accused?

6. Do you believe that Justine would have been convicted of William’s murder if she had not confessed to it? Why or why not?

7. Tell why Justine confesses to William’s murder.

8. Evaluate Victor’s decision to keep his suspicions regarding William’s murder to himself. Do you agree or disagree with the decision he made? Provide details to support your answer.

9. Mary Shelley wrote Chapter Eight as a commentary on what was, in her opinion, a flawed legal system. Provide examples of how Justine may have received an unfair trial.

**Chapter Nine**

1. Tell how Victor responds to William’s and Justine’s deaths.

2. Summarize what Victor does at night after the rest of his family has gone to bed.

3. Show the irony in Victor’s desire to “extinguish the life which I [he] had so thoughtlessly bestowed.”

4. Explain why Victor feels that he is the “true murderer” of William and Justine.