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*Frankenstein*  
**Chpts. 17 & 18: Reading Guide**

**I. Vocabulary:** Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

**extort:** to get by intimidation / blackmail

**contemn:** look down on with disdain, scorn, or contempt

**haggard:** looking very tired; wild-looking

**conjecture:** hypothesis / guess

**exordium:** introduction to a speech

**enfranchise:** set free; liberate

**machination:** crafty plot (trick) to achieve (usually sinister) goals

**acquiesce:** to give in

**II. Questions:** answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

**Chpt. 17**

1. What part of the creature's tale had enraged Victor?
2. Where does the creature say he will go if Victor consents?
3. How is the creature's diet different from man?
4. What reason does Victor give for not wanting to make a companion for the creature?
5. What does Victor say weighed up on him?
6. How does Victor feel about his relationship with others?

## **Chpt. 18**

7. What does Victor's father think might be a possible reason for some of his sadness?
8. What does Victor's father suggest Victor do immediately?
9. How does Victor feel about his father's suggestion?
10. Why does he feel this way?
11. Where does Victor decide he must go visit?
12. Who does Victor's father decide should go with Victor on this journey?
13. Why does Victor decide it will be a good idea to have this companion?
14. What haunted Victor about his journey?
15. What does Victor say about Henry at the end of this chapter?