

Mary Shelley

WORKSHEET A

By the time she was 19, Mary Shelley had written one of the most famous novels of all time. The novel, called 1) _____, tells the story of a young doctor who tries to create a living being but instead creates a monster. The story came about when she was on vacation in Lake Geneva with her husband Percy Bysshe Shelley, Lord Byron and John Polidari. At Byron's suggestion, they each agreed to write 3) _____. Mary was slow to come up with a story but after having a 'waking nightmare' in which she saw the doctor standing next to his hideous creation, she set about writing her story. The story was published in 1818, and became a bestseller.

Mary Shelley was born in 5) _____. Her parents named her Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin. Her father, William Godwin, and her mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, were two great intellectual rebels of the late 1700s. Mary was mainly brought up by 7) _____ as her mother died ten days after she was born.

Many famous writers and poets came to their house and one day in 1812 Mary met a young poet, Percy Shelley, who had come to see her father. Mary and Percy met again when she was 9) _____, in 1814, and fell in love. They ran away to France together and Mary became pregnant. However, tragedy struck as her first two children died due to illness and her half-sister Fanny committed suicide in 1816. These losses may have all contributed to the dark, gothic atmosphere she portrayed so vividly in her book.

In 1822, she suffered her greatest loss when her husband drowned in 11) _____ in a boating accident. Then her dear friend Lord Byron died of fever in Greece in 13) _____. She wrote a depressing novel called *The Last Man* in the same year, but never managed to find the same success as she had with her first book. She died in 15) _____ at the age of 53.

Write the questions.

- 1 What _____?
- 3 What _____?
- 5 When _____?
- 7 Who _____?
- 9 How old _____?
- 11 Where _____?
- 13 When _____?
- 15 When _____?

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WORKSHEET B

By the time she was 19, Mary Shelley had written one of the most famous novels of alltime. The novel, called *Frankenstein*, tells the story of a young doctor who tries to create a living being but instead creates a monster. The story came about when she was on vacation in 2) _____ with her husband Percy Byshe Shelley, Lord Byron and John Polidari. At Byron's suggestion, they each agreed to write a horror story. Mary was slow to come up with a story but after having a 'waking nightmare' in which she saw the doctor standing next to his hideous creation, she set about writing her story. The story was published in 4) _____ , and became a bestseller.

Mary Shelley was born in 1797. Her parents named her 6) _____. Her father, William Godwin, and her mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, were two great intellectual rebels of the late 1700s. Mary was mainly brought up by her father as her mother died ten days after she was born.

Many famous writers and poets came to their house and one day in 1812 Mary met a young poet, Percy Shelley, who had come to see 8) _____. Mary and Percy met again when she was 16, in 1814, and fell in love. They ran away to 10) _____ together and Mary became pregnant. However, tragedy struck as her first two children died due to illness and her half-sister Fanny committed suicide in 1816. These losses may have all contributed to the dark, gothic atmosphere she portrayed so vividly in her book.

In 1822, she suffered her greatest loss when her husband drowned in northern Italy in a boating accident. Then her dear friend Lord Byron died of fever in 12) _____ in 1824. She wrote a depressing novel called 14) _____ in the same year, but never managed to find the same success as she had with her first book. She died in 1851 at the age of 16) _____ .

Write the questions.

- 2 Where _____ ?
- 4 When _____ ?
- 6 What _____ ?
- 8 Who _____ ?
- 10 Where _____ ?
- 12 Where _____ ?
- 14 What _____ ?
- 16 How old _____ ?