

Frankenstein Background Activity

Directions: You will choose **ONE** of the following to complete in class today (finishing anything needed at home) and share your findings with us tomorrow.

*The websites provided are examples/starting places. You may use any resource you choose, but make sure it is reliable and **SITE IT PROPERLY!**

1. Explore the Frankenstein legend through art: find at least three paintings/drawings that depict Frankenstein. Arrange them in chronological order and give some background on the artists.

Sample Internet sites on the Frankenstein tradition in art:

<http://web.org.uk/picasso/frankenstein.jpg>

<http://www.artnet.com/artwork/425954728/425200182/ron-english-lazarusrising-frankenstein.html>

2. Explore the Frankenstein legend through literature: the story of Dr. Frankenstein has been referenced countless times, and by writers other than Mary Shelley. Find at least three poems/short stories/novels/essays that include references to Frankenstein. Arrange them in chronological order and give some background on the writers.

Sample Internet sites on the Frankenstein tradition in literature:

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2078/is_4_43/ai_64975487/

<http://www.amazon.com/Prodigal-Dean-Koontzs-Frankenstein-Book/dp/0553587889/>

<http://www.radiodramarevival.com/episode-39-frankensteins-monster-wakes/>

<http://www.amazon.com/Frankenstein-Cultural-Susan-Tyler-Hitchcock/dp/0393061442/>

<http://www.amazon.com/Frankenstein-Makes-Sandwich-Adam-Rex/dp/0152057668/>

3. Explore the Frankenstein legend through music: find at least three musical allusions to the Frankenstein story. Arrange them in chronological order and give some background information on the composers/song writers.

Sample Internet sites on the Frankenstein tradition in music:

<http://www.songfacts.com/detail.php?id=394>

http://www.allthelyrics.com/lyrics/frankenstein_the_musical_soundtrack/

<http://www.lyricstime.com/rocky-horror-picture-show-over-at-thefrankenstein-place-lyrics.html>

4. Explore the life of Mary Shelley. Research her life, background, history, events, writings, etc. Prepare an overview of her life to share.

Sample Internet sites on Mary Shelley:

<http://www.rc.umd.edu/reference/chronologies/mschronology/mws.html>

<http://www.litgothic.com/Authors/mshelley.html>

<http://shelley.classicauthors.net/>