



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Mary Shelley: The Creator of Frankenstein



Imagine a stormy night, a group of friends telling ghost stories, and a challenge to write the most terrifying tale. That's how Mary Shelley, a brilliant English writer, conceived one of the most famous horror stories ever written: *Frankenstein*.

Born Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin in London, England, in 1797, Shelley grew up surrounded by books and intellectual discussions. Her parents were celebrated writers and thinkers, which greatly influenced her early love for reading and creating stories. This rich environment fostered her imagination from a young age.

Her most significant achievement came in 1818 with the publication of *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*. This novel tells the chilling story of Victor Frankenstein, a scientist who creates a living being, only to abandon it. The creature, intelligent but lonely, seeks revenge on its creator. Shelley's work explored deep questions about science, responsibility, and what it means to be human.

Writing *Frankenstein* was not without its difficulties. As a young woman, it was unusual for her to publish such a complex and unsettling novel. She initially published it anonymously, meaning without her name, to avoid judgment. Despite these challenges, the book quickly gained attention for its powerful ideas and imaginative plot.

Today, Mary Shelley is remembered as a pioneering author whose work continues to fascinate readers worldwide. *Frankenstein* has inspired countless films, plays, and books,



making "Frankenstein's monster" a household name. Her story reminds us of the power of imagination and the enduring impact of a truly original idea.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where was Mary Shelley born?

- A London, England B Paris, France C Rome, Italy
 D New York, USA

(2) Mary Shelley initially published *Frankenstein* without her name, which means she published it _____.

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) In the passage, what does the word "conceived" mean as it is used in the first paragraph?

- A completely forgot B thought of or imagined
 C copied from another book D wrote down quickly

(4) Why do you think Mary Shelley chose to publish *Frankenstein* anonymously at first, even though it was a powerful story? Use details from the passage to support your answer.



(5) How has Mary Shelley's novel *Frankenstein* impacted the world, and what can we learn from her life as a writer?

