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Frankenstein
Activity #7: Critical Thinking
Writing to Persuade
Use After Reading

Directions: With a partner, discuss Victor Frankenstein's decision to destroy the female creature rather than give it to his first creation. What were some of the reasons the creature gave in favor of giving him a female? What were some other reasons Victor may have considered? Why did Victor originally hesitate to agree? What reasons did he have for destroying the female rather than handing her over?

Take turns jotting reasons why Victor **should** give the creature a female (in the YES column) and reasons why he **should not** (in the NO column). Discuss your chart with another pair of partners and try to reach consensus (agreement) on whether or not Victor made the best decision in the end. A spokesperson for this group of four should then report the group's conclusion to the whole class. Dissenting views of other groups should be heard at this time.

Yes

No

CONCLUSION: YES NO

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay in which you explain and evaluate Victor's decision not to give the creature a female. Provide specific reasons why you do or do not agree that Victor did the right thing.