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## Abstract:

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley describes the dangers of revenge and isolation caused by abandonment, following the mistakes made by Victor Frankenstein with the creation of a monster. All the events of the novel support one main theme: revenge caused by isolation. Throughout the novel, the reader witnesses the life of isolation that the creature is forced to live. As the story progresses, the question of why revenge becomes an outcome of isolation is asked. Living a life where you are ostracized by everyone, including your own creator, would drive anyone mad, especially a creature that was brought back to life by a mad scientist. In today's society, there are many children who grow up without parents, typically in a poor foster care system with strangers. Looking at the life of those who suffer abandonment, it becomes clearer as to why many individuals seek some kind of "revenge" after living a life of isolation: hardship and mental instability.

## Key Points:

- ❖ Shelley wanted to express the danger of science and was inspired by gothic stories exchanged between herself and her husband.
- ❖ This is a piece of Romantic literature, which focuses on the love of nature and idealism.
- ❖ The creature in *Frankenstein* was abandoned as soon as he was created, causing him to live a life of isolation.
- ❖ Isolation and revenge is seen throughout the novel, which eventually leads to the destruction of Victor Frankenstein.

## Conclusion & Discussion:

Victor Frankenstein, filled with instant regret at discovering what that he had made, decided to abandon his creation. Society ran from the creature, so he began to feel anger towards his creator. Soon he began to seek revenge, which meant murdering all who were close to Frankenstein, leaving Victor to feel just as the creature had felt. However, the creature was just that; a creature, someone that struggled with learning, communicating, and establishing relationships. This is also seen in many children today who grow up without the care of their biological parents or a stable home. Because of this, these children grow to not know any better than the creature, which, like the creature, leads them to live a life filled with hatred and pain. Hatred and pain are what separates a healthy mind from one that is filled with toxic thoughts, thoughts that can eventually cause harm to themselves or others.

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