



Frankenstein Literary Symbols

symbol (n.) object, character, figure, or color used to represent an abstract idea or concept

Use this chart to analyze Shelley's use of symbols in *Frankenstein*. Note where the symbol is used in the text and infer what ideas or concepts the symbol represents based on its context.

Symbol	Reference(s) in Text (quote and page number)	What the Symbol Represents
light	"What may not be expected in a country of eternal light?" (p. 13) "A new light seemed to dawn upon my mind . . ." (p.34)	Walton says these words in letter 1 to his sister about the North Pole. The North Pole represents Walton's "light," or desire for scientific discovery. Frankenstein says these words as he reflects on reading Cornelius Agrippa for the first time. The "light" represents the awakening of Victor's mind.
fire		
sun/moon		
ice/North Pole		

RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

RL.11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).