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### Prologue, Letters Comprehension Check

**Directions:** To help you understand all aspects of the novel, respond to the following as they relate to the Prologue and Letters. Write your responses on a separate piece of paper using complete sentences.

#### Prologue

1. Who wrote the prologue to *Frankenstein*? For what purpose was it written, according to the author?
2. What stories inspired the idea of writing the "ghost stories" that summer?
3. Describe the conversation that triggered the author's "waking dream."
4. Why does the writer say that *Frankenstein* is not "a mere tale of spectres or enchantment"?
5. Which other works about human nature inspired *Frankenstein*'s author?
6. Summarize where and under what conditions Mary Shelley began writing *Frankenstein*.

#### Letters

1. Show how the Letters frame the upcoming story of *Frankenstein*.
2. Analyze how Robert Walton's life and travels adhere to the ideals of Romanticism.
3. Explain how Walton educates himself for his sailing adventure.
4. Predict how successful Walton's voyage will be to find an Arctic passage, and the problems he could encounter on his adventure.
5. What does Walton desire when he writes the second letter?
6. Explain why Walton feels particularly fortunate to have secured the master of his ship.
7. Show how the shipmaster's failed love story adheres to the ideals of Romanticism.
8. Infer how Walton's "belief in the marvelous" makes him an ideal listener of *Frankenstein*'s story.
9. Formulate how the setting of the fourth letter is typically Romantic.
10. Tell what the sailors first see in the distance.
11. Describe the man who boards the ship.
12. Explain why the man is in the Arctic.
13. Analyze how the man fulfills Captain Walton's desires.
14. Generalize why the man agrees to tell Walton his story.
15. Evaluate why the man cautions Walton against his "search for knowledge and wisdom."
16. What is Walton's duty as the man tells his story?

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