Lesson 8　Frankenstein

The word "Frankenstein" **appears** in **literature** and **essays** very **often**. It **usually denotes** a **monster created** by **science**. "Don't be a Frankenstein" means "Don't create a monster out of your **scientific research**." This **novel** was written by Mary Shelly, a **female** British writer, the wife of the famous British **philosopher poet** Percy Shelly. The first **edition** appeared in 1818 and the third edition appeared in 1831. When Mary Shelly first wrote the novel, she was only 18 years old.

In the novel, Victor Frankenstein, a **brilliant scientist**, creates a man from old **parts** of dead **bodies** in his **secret apartment**. Sadly, the man is not good looking at all. He looks like a monster. Victor is **horrified** by the monster he created and he **escapes** the apartment. After he returns, the monster is gone. Then a **series** of horror occur. Many people are killed by the monster. Victor has an **encounter** with the monster. The monster tells him that he is **lonely** and would like to have a female **companion,** so Victor **starts** to create one for him. But he later **gives up** the research and the monster is **terribly** angry because of this. The novel ends in a **tragedy**, after Victor then the monster die.

This was **considered** as the first **science fiction novel**. It has been **adapted** into many movies. It is a **warning** to scientists that they have to be **careful** about their research. It is possible that scientific research may bring horror to the world. The **atomic bomb** is an **example**.

Vocabulary

adapt　改編
apartment　公寓
appear　出現
body　身體
brilliant　傑出的
companion　伴侶
consider　認為
create　創造
denote　意指
edition　版本
encounter　接觸
escape　逃脫

essay 文章
female 女性的
give up 放棄
horrify 驚嚇
literature 文學作品,文學
lonely 寂寞
monster 可怕的怪物
novel 小說
often 常常
part 部份
philosopher 哲學家
poet 詩人
research 研究
science fiction 科幻小說
science 科學
scientific 科學的
scientist 科學家
secret 秘密
series 一連串的
starts 開始
terribly 很
tragedy 悲劇
usually 經常
warn 警告

More Sentences

1. The term "the brave new world" usually denotes a modern world controlled by dictators.
2. There are many editions of the Bible.
3. This book is in its second edition.
4. Einstein became famous when he was very young.
5. A good engineer can create very good products.
6. There are a lot of dead bodies in the battle ground.
7. He is a monster.
8. Hitler was a monster.
9. After I am gone, don't feel sorry for me.

10. A series of strange events happened lately.
11. There are a series of murders.
12. I had an encounter with him and it was not a pleasant one.
13. I have never encountered him.
14. He is a very lonely person.
15. We should often visit the lonely people.
16. Do not give up your effort easily.
17. I gave up.   It is too difficult to me.
18. He did this because of his father.
19. This novel is considered as the best novel written in recent years.
20. This is a warning to all of us.
21. We have to be careful about we say.
22. It is possible that the world being too clever may cause troubles.

Grammar Points to Be Noted

1. It **usually denotes** a **monster created** by **science**.
    "created" 是 past participle, "crated by science" 形容 monster. 意思是這個怪物是由科學產生的.

2. This **novel** was written by Mary Shelly,
    "was written" 表示是被動語氣.

3. because of this
    在 "because of" 的後面,只能跟一個名詞,不能跟一個句子.如果用"because",就一定要跟整個的句子.以下是"because of" 和 "because" 的不同.

    You have to bring an umbrella because of the rain.
    You have to bring an umbrella because it is going to rain.

    I cannot come to work because of my illness.
    I cannot come to work because I am sick.

    He hates wars because of the horror it brings.
    He hates wars because wars always bring horror.

4. This novel has been adapted into many movies.
    "has been adapted" 是被動語氣,又是現在完成式,這句話有"這部小說已經被改編成很多電影"的意思.

Translate the Following Sentences into English:

1. 這本書是我在 1976 年寫的.
2. Mr. Scrooge 意指一位自私的人.
3. 這場戰爭發生在 1976 年.
4. 我們都被他嚇壞了.
5. 很多人在這場大火中死亡.
6. 很多人死於二次世界大戰.
7. 因為意外,他沒有來.
8. 由於努力工作,他成功了.
9. 他非常高興(用 terribly)
10. 他給了我們一個警告,但我們沒有注意.

Correct the Following Mistakes:

1. The word "Scrooge" denote a very selfish person.
2. This novel wrote by him.
3. The First World War occurs at the beginning of the last century.
4. This novel is written by Dickens.
5. We all horrified by his action.
6. Many people killed in the war.
7. He did not come because the rain.
8. He did not come because of he was very sick.
9. He is terrible angry.
10. It is a warn to all of us.