

Download Why Is Frankenstein A Classic

Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" is not only a literary classic, but a cultural one as well. This lesson will touch on its troubled central characters and its innovative themes and form. Classics are usually somehow applicable to our lives (and speak some truth about it), innovative in style, and have interpretive value. Frankenstein has all of these things. It is extremely ahead of its time, and pretty much predicted the human fascination with science and took our tendency to want to "play God" into account. It was incredibly innovative at the time, and really still is. That's why it's such a classic, I think. It was the first novel of its kind to address a theme that has become quite common across science fiction—the notion of technology progressing to the point of going beyond God's will, and humans suffering because of it. A classic book is thought to be one that is widely accepted as being noteworthy and transcends time and place. There are many books considered to be traditional classics.