

# DIALECTICAL JOURNAL

Frankenstein | Mary Shelley | Summer Reading 2026

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## What Is a Dialectical Journal?

A dialectical journal is a conversation between you and the text. For each chapter, you will read a pre-selected passage, respond with your own analytical thinking, and answer a personal odd question designed to connect the novel to your own life. It is not a summary. It is evidence of your mind at work.

## Instructions

1. Read each chapter carefully before completing its entry.
2. In the Response column, write your analysis of the passage. Avoid low-level verbs like says, shows, gets, or talks about. Choose stronger verbs: reveals, exposes, challenges, illuminates, suggests, forces, demonstrates, confronts, critiques, underscores, foreshadows, complicates, disrupts.
3. The gold column contains two items: a Bible verse for context and an odd question asking for a specific personal connection. You may use the Bible verse provided or substitute your own, but you must still respond to the odd question printed below it.
4. Be specific. Name the place, the year, the person. Vague answers earn partial credit.
5. On the first day of school, you may be asked to discuss one entry in a brief one-on-one conversation. Be ready to explain your thinking.
6. Submit a photograph of your completed handwritten journal alongside this document. No handwritten copy, no credit.
7. The blank spaces on the back are places to continue writing, draw thinking maps, or define words you come across that you may not have known.

## Verb Bank - Use higher-level verbs to describe your thoughts.

reveals - exposes - challenges - illuminates - suggests - forces - demonstrates - confronts - critiques - underscores - establishes - conveys - portrays - embodies - signals - evokes - foreshadows - heightens - complicates - disrupts

## A Note on Honesty

The odd questions are designed to be impossible for artificial intelligence to answer on your behalf. They ask for your specific memories, your specific experiences, and your specific life. The best journals feel like the student, not a search engine.



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### Chapter 3: Waldman and the Modern Philosopher | Theme: Mentorship, Influence, and the Danger of Inspiration

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                        | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| "The words of fate, enounced to destroy me. As he went on I felt as if my soul were grappling with a palpable enemy; one by one the various keys were touched which formed the mechanism of my being." (Ch.3) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>James 3:5-6 - The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Name a teacher, coach, or mentor who changed the direction of your thinking or ambition. What specifically did they say or do and what did it set in motion in you?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

### Chapter 4: The Creation Begins | Theme: Obsession, Isolation, and the Cost of a Single Purpose

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| "I became acquainted with the science of anatomy, but this was not sufficient; I must also observe the natural decay and corruption of the human body... I paused, examining and analysing all the minutiae of causation." (Ch.4) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Ecclesiastes 1:18 - For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a time you became so consumed by one goal, project, or idea that you let other important things fall away. What did you neglect and what did that cost you?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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| Chapter 6: Return to Geneva   Theme: Nature, Recovery, and the Illusion of Escape                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Your Response / Analysis | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                 |
| "The weight upon my spirits was sensibly lightened as I plunged yet deeper in the ravine of Arve. The immense mountains and precipices that overhung me on every side, the sound of the river raging among the rocks... dispelled my fears." (Ch.6) |                          | <b>Psalm 121:1-2 - I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.</b>        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          | Where do you go or what do you do when you need to recover from something painful or overwhelming? Describe that place or practice and what it does for you. |
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| Chapter 7: William Is Dead   Theme: Grief, Guilt, and the Weight of Responsibility                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                       | Your Response / Analysis | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>"Nothing in human shape could have destroyed that fair child. He was the murderer! I could not doubt it. The mere presence of the idea was an irresistible proof of the fact." (Ch.7)</p> |                          | <p><b>Romans 8:1 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a moment when you assumed you knew exactly who or what was responsible for something bad that happened. Were you right? What did you discover later, and how did it change your understanding?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

| Chapter 8: Justine's Trial   Theme: Justice, Silence, and the Cruelty of Systems                                                                                                            |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                      | Your Response / Analysis | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| "Thus the poor sufferer tried to comfort others and herself. She indeed gained the resignation she desired. But I, the true murderer, felt the never-dying worm alive in my breast." (Ch.8) |                          | <b>Proverbs 31:8-9 - Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly.</b>                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          | Think of a time you knew the truth about something but stayed silent while someone else faced consequences that were not fully theirs to bear. What stopped you from speaking, and what happened as a result? |
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## Chapter 9: Victor's Despair | Theme: Guilt, Isolation, and the Failure of Nature to Heal

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| "I, not in deed, but in effect, was the true murderer... I wandered like an evil spirit, for I had committed deeds of mischief beyond description horrible, and more, much more, I persuaded myself, was yet behind." (Ch.9) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Psalms 51:3-4 - For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a failure or mistake you made that you could not stop thinking about. How long did the guilt stay with you, and what eventually allowed you to move forward, if you did?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

## Chapter 10: The Creature Speaks | Theme: Confrontation, Responsibility, and the Voice of the Abandoned

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| "I expected this reception. All men hate the wretched; how, then, must I be hated, who am miserable beyond all living things! Yet you, my creator, detest and spurn me, thy creature, to whom thou art bound by ties only dissoluble by the annihilation of one of us." (Ch.10) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Genesis 4:9 - Then the Lord said to Cain, Where is your brother Abel? I do not know, he replied. Am I my brother's keeper?</b></p> <hr/> <p>Think of a time you felt responsible for someone you had hurt or abandoned in some way. Did you face that responsibility directly or avoid it? What made it difficult to look them in the eye?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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| Chapter 12: Learning from the De Laceys   Theme: Observation, Longing, and the Education of the Heart                                                                                                                                |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Your Response / Analysis | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| "I found that these people possessed a method of communicating their experience and feelings to one another by articulate sounds... This was indeed a godlike science, and I ardently desired to become acquainted with it." (Ch.12) |                          | <b>Romans 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.</b>                                                                                |
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## Chapter 15: Paradise Lost and the Letters | Theme: Identity, Self-Knowledge, and the Danger of Texts

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| "Like Adam, I was apparently united by no link to any other being in existence, but his state was far different from mine in every other respect. He had come forth from the hands of God a perfect creature... but I was wretched, helpless, and alone." (Ch.15) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Genesis 2:18 - The Lord God said, It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a book, film, or story that made you see yourself more clearly - not as you wished you were, but as you actually are. What did it reflect back to you that you hadn't been able to see before?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

## Chapter 16: Rage and the Demand | Theme: Rejection, Rage, and the Making of a Monster

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| "Cursed, cursed creator! Why did I live? Why, in that instant, did I not extinguish the spark of existence which you had so wantonly bestowed? ... From that moment I declared everlasting war against the species, and more than all, against him who had formed me and sent me forth to this insupportable misery." (Ch.16) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Ephesians 4:26-27 - In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Think of a moment when rejection or cruelty transformed your feelings toward someone from neutral or positive to something darker. What was the turning point, and did you ever fully return from it?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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## Chapter 17: The Demand for a Companion | Theme: Loneliness, Negotiation, and the Ethics of Creation

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| "You must create a female for me with whom I can live in the interchange of those sympathies necessary for my being. This you alone can do, and I demand it of you as a right which you must not refuse to concede." (Ch.17) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Have you ever been in a position where someone demanded something from you that you genuinely did not want to give? How did you navigate the tension between what they needed and what you were willing to do?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

## Chapter 18: Victor Delays | Theme: Procrastination, Dread, and the Weight of a Promise

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| "I revolved in my mind the request of the monster, and it was with a mixture of sensation that I thought of it. It was indeed a filthy process in which I had engaged... I then reflected, and the thought made me shudder, that the creature whom I had left in my apartment might still be there." (Ch.18) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>James 4:17 - If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a promise or obligation you put off completing because the thought of doing it filled you with dread. What eventually forced you to face it and what happened when you did?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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## Chapter 19: Scotland and the Second Creation | Theme: Isolation, Conscience, and the Work That Cannot Be Undone

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| "I sat one evening in my laboratory; the sun had set, and the moon was just rising from the sea; I had not sufficient light for my employment, and I remained idle, in a pause of consideration of whether I should leave my labour for the night or hasten its conclusion." (Ch.19) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Proverbs 4:23 - Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a moment when you sat alone with a decision you had to make and felt the full weight of its consequences. What were you considering and what ultimately tipped the balance?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

## Chapter 20: The Female Destroyed | Theme: Breaking a Promise, Fear, and the Point of No Return

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| "I thought with a sensation of madness on my promise of creating another like to him, and trembling with passion, tore to pieces the thing on which I was engaged... The wretch saw me destroy the creature on whose future existence he depended for happiness." (Ch.20) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Numbers 30:2 - When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Have you ever made a promise and then broken it because keeping it felt too costly? What justified the breaking in your own mind, and what were the actual consequences for the other person?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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## Chapter 21: Henry's Murder | Theme: Grief, Collapse, and the Consequences of Creation

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                 | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| "Have my murderous machinations deprived you also, my dearest Henry, of life? Two I have already destroyed; other victims await their destiny: but you, Clerval, my friend, my benefactor - ." (Ch.21) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Think of someone who has supported you through your worst moments without fully understanding what they were getting themselves into by caring about you. What have they given you, and what has their loyalty cost them?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

## Chapter 22: The Wedding Approaches | Theme: Dread, Love, and the Inability to Stop What Is Coming

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| "I thought I saw Elizabeth, in the bloom of health, walking in the streets of Ingolstadt. Delighted and surprised, I embraced her, but as I imprinted the first kiss on her lips, they became livid with the hue of death." (Ch.22) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Proverbs 13:12 - Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a time when you knew something bad was approaching but moved toward it anyway, either out of love, duty, or inability to stop it. What kept you from turning away?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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## Chapter 23: Elizabeth's Death | Theme: Loss, Consequence, and the Final Cost of Ambition

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                      | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| "She was there, lifeless and inanimate, thrown across the bed, her head hanging down and her pale and distorted features half covered by her hair... Could I behold this and live?" (Ch.23) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Think of the most significant thing you have lost - not a person necessarily, but anything that mattered deeply. Describe what it felt like in the immediate aftermath, before you had processed it or spoken about it to anyone.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

## Chapter 24: The Pursuit | Theme: Revenge, Obsession, and the End of Everything

| Text from Frankenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Your Response / Analysis                                    | Bible Verse and Odd Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| "My life, as it passed thus, was indeed hateful to me, and it was during sleep alone that I could taste joy. O blessed sleep! Often, when most miserable, I sank to repose, and my dreams lulled me to the most exquisite happiness." (Ch.24) | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | <p><b>Hebrews 12:1 - Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Describe a pursuit - a goal, a grudge, a relationship, an ambition - that consumed you long past the point where it was serving you. What kept you running after it, and what finally stopped you, if anything did?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

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### Dialectical Journal Rubric

| Category                                      | Exemplary                                                                                                                                                             | Proficient                                                                                                          | Developing                                                                                                     | Insufficient                                                                                                                                               |
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| Critical Analysis (30 pts)                    | 27–30: Interprets rather than summarizes; identifies craft (irony, symbolism, syntax, etc.) and explains effect; precise textual evidence; insightful, close reading. | 22–26: Goes beyond summary; some literary observation; mostly accurate; could push further on craft or implication. | 16–21: Slips into summary or general theme; lacks passage-specific insight; misses obvious craft.              | 0–15: Retells/paraphrases; vague, generic claims; no real engagement with author’s craft.                                                                  |
| Bible Verse Engagement (20 pts)               | 18–20: <u>Directly</u> answers prompt; deep, meaningful connection between verse and passage; wrestles with complexity; well-chosen substitute verse if used.         | 15–17: Connects verse to passage; answers prompt; reasonable but not deeply developed.                              | 10–14: Mentions verse but doesn’t answer prompt; treats verse and passage separately; connection feels forced. | 0–9: Drops verse in; generic or unrelated commentary; entries skipped.  |
| Odd Question — Specificity & Honesty (25 pts) | 23–25: Highly specific (names, places, details); honest, reflective, risk-taking; clearly personal and authentic.                                                     | 18–22: Specific and believable; identifies real people or moments; could go deeper.                                 | 12–17: Generic responses; lacks concrete detail; avoids discomfort of <u>prompt</u> .                          | 0–11: Vague, evasive, or AI-like; contradicts known facts; entries skipped.                                                                                |
| Diction — Verb Choice & Mechanics (10 pts)    | 9–10: Strong verbs (reveals, exposes, complicates, etc.); tight sentences; clean mechanics; precise language.                                                         | 7–8: Mostly strong verbs; few weak ones; mechanics mostly clean.                                                    | 4–6: Frequent weak verbs; repetition; mechanics distract.                                                      | 0–3: Weak verbs dominate; errors undermine meaning.                                                                                                        |
| Completion & Submission (15 pts)              | 14–15: All entries complete; legible; clear photos; organized; name/date included.                                                                                    | 11–13: Mostly complete; minor issues; one or two thin entries.                                                      | 6–10: Several missing/partial entries; poor photo quality or missing pages.                                    | 0–5: Many missing; no handwritten copy = no credit.                                                                                                        |