What question is the paper trying to answer?

-Why do the events of the novel take place

**Thesis:**

The death of Victor's mother introduces the pattern of abandonment into the story. From this moment forward, the story is controlled by climactic moments of abandonment that build-up and keep the story moving. These moments lead to the ultimate demise of both Victor and his creation.

Major Points

* Victor's mother “abandons” him
* Victor abandons his family by remaining isolated for so long
* Victor abandons his creation which leads to his ultimate downfall
* Victor abandons cleval to work on his project
* Victor abandons the project of creating his monsters companion
* The sailor abandons his journey into the waters

These small moments control the flow of the story