***Frankenstein* Essay**

**Idea Starters for Modern Connections**

* Capital punishment
* Forced confessions; legal/illegal interrogation practices
* Scientific advancements:
  + Extending the end of life – life support machines (feeding tubes/breathing machines)
  + Cloning
  + Genetic modification
* Parental responsibility for the actions of their children
* Education – experiential, observation, books, traditional school based instruction
  + Moral/ethical learning
* Relationships – balance between work, family, friends and other important obligations (as teenagers, parents, etc.)
* Social isolation – causes, effects, preventions, solutions …
* Exploratory efforts such as traveling to the moon, Mars, the bottom of the ocean, etc.
* When society creates “monsters” and they take revenge i.e. Columbine
* Reactions to difference/deformity: Prejudice on race, on special needs (even think of spread the word to stop the word)
* Trying to harness the power of nature : i.e. Nuclear weapons (FDR even used that language in address that we dropped the bomb)
* Thinking short term v. long term: i.e. convenient energy sources short term, global warming long-term; short term knew the levy wouldn’t hold in Katrina but didn’t do anything about it; long-term Katrina destroyed New Orleans, etc.
* Societal standards of beauty and the effects of that – eating disorders, cosmetic surgery, reality TV shows on beauty, self-loathing, etc.