

“ShrinkLit” Assignment for Summer Reading Novels
Advanced Placement Language and Composition
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ShrinkLits – “...process whereby books undergo a kind of constructive distillation which boils out the fat and renders the meat [so to speak] into verse, making it at once more lucid and palatable” (Sagoff *ShrinkLits*).

Assignment: Choose one of the novels assigned for summer reading and write a ShrinkLit. Your composition **must be in verse form, and it must rhyme**. Sarcasm and humor are acceptable as long as the content is appropriate for class. Your ShrinkLit **must be at least 15 lines in length, and it must have a title**.

Submit 2 copies; one should be decorated for classroom display whereas the other should be text-only for assessment purposes.

Point Value: 25 points

ShrinkLit for *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
-Maurice Sagoff (ShrinkLits)

In his occult-science lab
Frankenstein creates a flab
Which, endowed with human will,
Very shortly starts to kill.
First, it pleads a lonely life
And demands a monster-wife;
“Monstrous!” Frankenstein objects,
Thinking of the side-effects.

Chilled with fear, he quits the scene,
But the frightful man-machine
Follows him in hot pursuit
Bumping people off *en route*,
Till at last it stands, malign,
By the corpse of Frankenstein!

Somewhere in the northern mists
-Horrid thing- *it still exists...*
Still at large, a-thirst for gore!
Got a strong lock on your door?