

Background information

How much have you discovered about Mary Shelley and the influences on her life and work?
See if you can match up the cards below:

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