



# VICTORY GARDENS

Lesson and Activity Suggestions for 3rd - 5th

## The Great Plant Escape Case 4: Pflanzenstein

This lesson is brought to you from the University of Illinois Extension Office, which is the flagship outreach effort of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It is a wonderful, online, interactive program called "The Great Plant Escape." made up of six cases or mysteries that teach all about plant life.

Parents may want to start at the Teacher's Guide, but kids can begin from the home page (<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/gpe/index.cfm>). Case 4 covers the topic of plant reproduction. Working through the mystery will teach the importance of flowers and the pollination process. Students will identify different ways in which plants are able to reproduce. Students then get to apply what they've learned to propagate their own "Pflanzenstein." (We would love for you to share photos of that!)



# FRANKENSTEIN vs. PLANTENSTEIN

If you worked through The Great Plant Escape, Case 4, you ended with the hands-on “Plantenstein” activity. They also provide another extension activity called “After Lunch Gardening” in which you can learn to grow some of your own vegetables from the leftover parts of others. Using this, you can be your own mad scientist and create a full cast of characters. This activity can be found by choosing the “Next” arrow after the end of Plantenstein’s instructions. Or, you can go directly to it at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/gpe/case4/c4hgi.html>



Dr. Frankenstein and his sidekick, Igor

Fun Fact: “Frankenstein” is actually the name of the mad scientist who sewed together different dead bodies to create a new man who is never named beyond “The Creature.” It is our Halloween culture that started calling him “Frankenstein.”

In the novel, author Mary Shelley is asking the reader to contemplate who the real monster is, Dr. Frankenstein or the Creature.

The more you know!



The Creature