Frankenstein - Chapter 13

In this chapter, the monster makes an observation while learning from the inhabitants of the cottage. He wonders, "Was man, indeed, at once so powerful, so virtuous and magnificent, yet so vicious and base? He appeared at one time a mere scion of the evil principle and at another as all that can be conceived of noble and godlike."

What examples can you think of that demonstrate these opposing aspects of the nature of man? Make two columns, and brainstorm to create lists of people who represent each aspect – the good and the evil of man. Then, write a paragraph to explain how you think people are capable of both such amazing good and such disturbing evil acts.