

“The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell Study Questions

Directions: As you read the story or after you read the story, please complete these comprehension questions on a separate piece of notebook paper. You do not need to write the questions out, but you do need to answer in complete sentences. This is required and will be graded.

1. Who are the two main characters on the yacht, and where are they headed?
2. What superstition is associated with Ship Trap Island, and why is it considered ominous?
3. How do Rainsford and Whitney differ in their opinions about animals' thoughts and feelings?
4. How does Rainsford end up on the mysterious island?
5. Describe General Zaroff's mansion and its location.
6. What do Rainsford and Zaroff have in common that forms a connection between them?
7. Why did General Zaroff leave Russia, and how did he invent his unique hunting game?
8. What makes humans more attractive to Zaroff as prey compared to animals?
9. How does Zaroff lure shipwrecked men to the island for his hunting game?
10. Describe the conditions Zaroff provides for the hunted men in his game.
11. What choice does Zaroff give Rainsford when he refuses to participate in the game?
12. What is Zaroff's reaction when Rainsford demands to leave the island immediately?
13. How does Zaroff react when Rainsford refuses to hunt with him?
14. How does Rainsford try to evade Zaroff during the hunt, and what realization does he have?
15. What strategy does Rainsford use to injure Zaroff and buy himself more time?
16. How does Rainsford manage to kill Ivan?
17. How does Rainsford feel during the hunt, and how does he outwit Zaroff?
18. How does the story end, and what is Rainsford's final decision?
19. What ironic twist is present in the final moments of the story?
20. What does the story explore in terms of the hunter becoming the hunted?