

Link to “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell (full text):

http://fiction.eserver.org/short/the_most_dangerous_game.html

After Reading Questions p.75 “TMDG”

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Comprehension

1. **Recall** Before arriving at the island, what is Rainsford’s position on hunting?
2. **Recall** Why has Zaroff begun hunting human “game”?
3. **Clarify** What happens at the end of the story?

Literary Analysis

4. **Draw Conclusions** In your opinion, why does Rainsford choose to confront Zaroff in the end, rather than simply ambush him? What does this reveal about his personality? Cite evidence.
5. **Compare and Contrast Characters** Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast Rainsford and Zaroff. Start by listing each man’s **character traits** in the appropriate circle. Then note their similarities where the circles overlap.
6. **Analyze Conflict**
Connell does not reveal the main conflict until a good deal of the story has passed. Why? Support your answer.
7. **Examine Foreshadowing** Connell makes use of foreshadowing to help readers predict future events in the story. Find at least three examples of foreshadowing in the story. How does this technique add to the **suspense** of this story? Cite evidence.
8. **Visualize Description** Look back at the descriptive details you recorded as you read. Choose at least two details that evoked the most striking pictures in your mind. Which particular words helped make each of these images so vivid?
9. **Make Judgments** At the end of the story, do you think Rainsford has changed his mind about hunting? Support your opinion.



Question #5

Instructions: You do NOT need three sentences, but you must complete all three sections of the Venn diagram.

Literary Criticism

10. **Critical Interpretations** One critic has remarked that “ironically, Zaroff’s belief in his invincibility as a hunter weakens him and causes his defeat.” Cite evidence from the story to support or challenge this statement.

Question #10

clarification:

You do not need to cite line numbers or page numbers for this question. Do provide examples of what happened or what was said that defends or challenges the statement above.

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