

The Most Dangerous Game

Worksheet

A - Instructions: On a separate piece of paper look up each word and write a definition. Use a dictionary or reference PC to assist you. Please write out the word and then the definition.

Realist

Gravely

Tangible

Brier

Opaqueness

Lacerate

Palatial

Chateau

Mirage

Cosmopolite

Debacle

Sollicitous

B - Instructions: On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. How does Rainsford feel about the animals he hunts?
2. How does Whitney explain the troubled mood of the sailors as they near Ship-Trap Island?
3. Why is the island called Ship-Trap Island?
4. How does Rainsford arrive at the mysterious island?
5. Describe the building that Rainsford approaches.
6. How do you (the reader) know Zaroff is an intelligent and sophisticated man?
7. How does General Zaroff justify hunting and killing humans?
8. How does Zaroff stock his island with 'game'?
9. Explain the rules of the hunt.
10. According to General Zaroff, why is Rainsford the ideal prey?
11. Where does Rainsford spend the first night of his hunt?
12. What happened to Lazarus?
13. How can the reader tell who won the final encounter between Rainsford and Zaroff?
14. Why does Rainsford choose to confront Zaroff in the end, rather than simply ambush him?
15. Do you think Rainsford's attitude towards hunting changes through the story?

16. Most stories are built around a central conflict, or struggle. A conflict can either be external or internal. An external conflict involves a character struggling against an outside force: such as nature, a physical obstacle, or another character. Give at least 2 different examples of external conflict in this story.

17. What point of view does the author use in this story?

C - Instructions: *Comparison of the Hunters*: On your own paper, respond to the following writing prompt. In what ways are Zaroff and Rainsford similar and different? You can use a Venn diagram to record your thoughts. Then write your response. Be sure to restate the question in your opening paragraph. You should have at least 2 paragraphs for your response.