

## Focus on Plot: "The Most Dangerous Game"

Directions: After reading "The Most Dangerous Game;" respond to the following questions.

1. What is Sanger Rainsford's profession?
2. At the beginning of the story, how does Rainsford feel about the animals he hunts?
3. What does Whitney, the other hunter, say in response to Rainsford's comments about hunting?
4. What is the setting of the story? How does the setting of the story affect the mood?
5. Give an example of what happens in the exposition of the story.
6. How does Rainsford fall off the boat?
7. Describe General Zaroff physically and mentally.
8. Who is Ivan, and how is he Zaroff's foil (a **foil** is a character that shows qualities that are in contrast with the qualities of another character.)?
9. What is Rainsford's epiphany about General Zaroff's game?
10. How well does Rainsford play the game?
11. Why did General Zaroff not end the game after the first day?
12. Describe the three traps Rainsford devised to trick General Zaroff.
13. What losses does Zaroff suffer in the game on the island?
14. Who won the game in the end? How do you know?
15. Describe the resolution of the story.
16. Explain the double meaning of the title.

### **"The Most Dangerous Game" Reading Response**

In *The Most Dangerous Game*, General Zaroff says, "There is no greater bore than perfection" (Page 7). Explain what he means by this. Consider: why does he decide to hunt men instead of animals? What makes men different from animals? Additionally, what kind of men does General Zaroff hunt and why does he think it's justifiable? Be specific, use one citation, and write about a paragraph.