The Most Dangerous Game Text Dependent Questions Honors 9th Grade English

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the following **text dependent questions** from "The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell. Be sure to cite evidence using MLA formatting for in-text citations and answer all parts of each question.

- 1. What mood is Connell trying to establish in the opening pages of the story? **Identify words and phrases** the author uses to establish this mood. **Cite** with page numbers.
- 2. Connell uses figurative language (simile, metaphor, and personification) to create strong sensory impressions in the reader. (1) **Identify several examples** of figurative language in the opening pages of the story and (2) tell what effect each creates.

Evidence/Quote from text (with page #)	What does it mean? What is the effect on the reader?

3. Rainsford is a man of logic. Give evidence from the story of Rainsford using reason to get himself out of a difficult situation.

Difficult Situation	Evidence from the story of Rainsford using reason citing page numbers

4. Does Rainsford's perspective on hunting shift throughout the story? Give evidence to support your answer.

5. What evidence in the story demonstrates that Zaroff is prejudiced? How does this influence our opinion of him?

Evidence from the story:

How does this influence our opinion of him?

6. Rainsford clearly considers himself superior to Zaroff as a human being. What evidence in the story supports this idea?

7. What evidence can be found in the story to demonstrate that Rainsford is similar to Zaroff?	
How is he similar?	Evidence to prove similarities.

7. What **evidence** can be found in the story to demonstrate that Rainsford is similar to Zaroff?

8. What ultimately allows Rainsford to prevail over Zaroff? Cite textual evidence.

9. On page 14 of Richard Connell's *The Most Dangerous Game,* Rainsford says to Whitney, "The world is made up of two classes—the hunters and the huntees." Explain the significance of this perspective in relation to the two main characters of Rainsford and Zaroff. What do the words and actions of these characters reveal about Connell's view of human nature? Using textual evidence, write a well-developed response to these questions. **Use extra paper as needed.**

