

“The Most Dangerous Game”  
By Richard Connell

1. Who is Rainsford? What does he do for a living? How would you describe him?
2. How does Rainsford describe hunting?
3. What do you think of Rainsford opinion of animals, “Who cares how the jaguar feels? They have no understanding.” Do you think the animals do have an understanding when they are being hunted?
4. How does Rainsford become shipwrecked?
5. What is the setting, and why is it important to the story?
6. Explain what Rainsford finds and concludes after he wakes up on the island.
7. Who does Rainsford find on the island? Describe him in detail.
8. What do you think, “the most dangerous game” is on the island according to General Zaroff?
9. Summarize in few sentences what General Zaroff tells Rainsford about his life.
10. What is Rainsford reaction to what General Zaroff really likes to hunt? What is your opinion?

11. STOP at the bottom of page 801. What do you think is going to happen to Rainsford?  
Predict the ending of the short story.

12. Why does Rainsford agree to be hunted?

13. What is the theme of this story?

14. What is ironic about Zaroff's thoughts in the end?

Extra Credit: What movie makes an allusion to "The Most Dangerous Game?"

Journal: What is your opinion on hunting? Do you think it should be allowed?