

"The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell

Open-Book Test

Short Answer Write your responses to the questions in this section on the lines provided.

1. Early in "The Most Dangerous Game," when talking to Whitney, Rainsford says that there are two classes of people in the world. Review and think about his comment as you complete this chart. Then answer the question below.

Class	How People in This Class Probably Live

Does Rainsford believe that conflict is a universal condition? Why or why not?

2. In the beginning of "The Most Dangerous Game," what can readers infer about Whitney's personality and values from the words he speaks? Use an example from the story to support your answer.

3. Think about Zaroff's reason for inventing "The Most Dangerous Game." Does his game solve a conflict, create a conflict, or both? Explain.

4. In "The Most Dangerous Game," Zaroff promises Rainsford "a genuine new thrill" in hunting. In the same paragraph (beginning with "Laughter shook the general"), what opinion of Rainsford does Zaroff express?

5. What can readers of "The Most Dangerous Game" infer from Zaroff's comment that his visitors always choose to go hunting? Use information from the story to support your answer.

6. In "The Most Dangerous Game," how does the matter of scruples highlight a major difference in the personalities of Rainsford and Zaroff? Base your answer on the meaning of *scruples*.

7. After meeting Zaroff, Rainsford spends a sleepless night because he cannot "quiet his brain." What thoughts probably are going through Rainsford's mind at this point in "The Most Dangerous Game"?

8. Reread the paragraph well into "The Most Dangerous Game" that begins, "An apprehensive night crawled slowly by." Identify two details in this paragraph that help create suspense in the scene.

9. Near the end of "The Most Dangerous Game," Zaroff returns home and enjoys "an exceedingly good dinner." What has he inferred about Rainsford's fate?

10. Think about the resolution to the main conflict in "The Most Dangerous Game." What do you think are Rainsford's main strengths that lead to his victory?
