

The Most Dangerous Game Questions

Comprehension Questions

Please answer the following questions with full sentences.

1. Before Rainsford finds himself on Ship Trap Island, he discusses his feelings towards the game he hunts. Describe Rainsford's attitude towards his prey. Does he feel bad for the animals? How does he justify killing them?
2. Describe Ivan.
3. What is Rainsford's first impression of General Zaroff?
4. A paradox occurs when two incongruous or contradictory elements exist within one thing or person. How is General Zaroff a paradoxical character?
5. Why has Zaroff grown bored?
6. What 'game' does Zaroff propose to Rainsford? What are the rules?
7. What technique does Rainsford use during the first night of the hunt? What does he do to elude Zaroff?

8. Why does Zaroff leave Rainsford alone in the tree?

9. Describe each of Rainsford's traps.

10. What happens in the end? Are you satisfied with the ending?

Discussion Questions

Please answer the following questions with full sentences and be prepared to discuss your answers with your classmates.

1. How does Rainsford's attitude towards hunting change during the story? What changes it?

2. Do you think Zaroff plays fair? How would you change the rules to make things more fair?

3. How does Richard Connell create suspense during the story?

4. What is the central message of the story? What does the author want the reader to think about?

5. How would you perform in Rainsford's place? Explain.