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**“THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME”**  
**BY RICHARD CONNELL**  
**CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the short story “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell. Annotate the short story as you read. On a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions provided. Remember to restate the question with your answer and to write in complete sentences!

**LITERAL QUESTIONS:** Answers can be pulled directly from the text. There is a “right” answer.

1. In which sea has Connell, the author, set “Ship-Trap Island”?
2. How is Zaroff able to finance his life style?
3. If Rainsford was the hunt, what does Zaroff promise him?
4. What happened to Usnarov?
5. Where does Rainsford spend the first night of his hunt?
6. Why does Zaroff suggest Rainsford wear moccasins?
7. In your own words, answer *one* of the following prompts. Provide at least one in-text citation as evidence.
  - a) Describe Rainsford’s character. Use STEAL.
  - b) Describe Zaroff’s character. Use STEAL.

**INFERENTIAL QUESTIONS:** Answers need to be interpreted from information found in the text.

8. Answer *three* of the five questions provided.
  - \*\* Support your answer with specific evidence from the text.
  - a. What caused Rainsford to believe Zaroff knew he was hiding in the tree?
  - b. How does Zaroff stock his island with “game”?
  - c. In spite of being hurt, Zaroff congratulates Rainsford on his “killy men-catcher”, why?
  - d. How do we know Rainsford is an exceptionally fit man?
  - e. What happened to General Zaroff at the end of the story? Why do you believe this?

**EVALUATIVE QUESTIONS:** Answers need to be developed from evaluating aspects of the text.

9. Answer *two* of the three questions provided.
  - \*\* Support your answer with specific evidence from the text.
  - a. Do you agree with Zaroff that island is no match for man? Why or why not?
  - b. To what extent does the author use descriptions of Zaroff’s looks to define his character?
  - c. How does Rainsford’s attitude towards hunting change through the story?