

“The Most Dangerous Game”

Instructions: Choose two from the writing assignments below. Each response must be in paragraph format, with at least 200 words each.

1. Tabloid Coverage: Survival Story

Imagine that you are a reporter for a newspaper or magazine that writes sensational stories. You hear about Rainsford, Zaroff, and the dangerous game they played on Ship-Trap Island. Turn the story into a flashy report. Feel free to look at examples of other news reports to give you ideas.

- Begin by creating a *who, what, when, where, why* organizer.
- Include a headline meant to get readers to buy the tabloid.
- Story must have an attention grabbing lead or opening statement.
- Organize it like newspaper writing. All of the basic facts must be in the first paragraph. The most interesting details should appear in the beginning.

2. Survival of the Fittest: Social Darwinism

Rainsford tells Whitney: “Life is for the strong, to be lived by the strong, and, if needs be, taken by the strong.” His words reflect the idea of Social Darwinism. This concept applied Charles Darwin’s ideas of natural selection to human society.

- Research this social theory and talk about it. Include the years it emerged, its main points, and the social issues it was supposed to address. Talk about how it relates to “The Most Dangerous Game.”

3. And Then What? Sequel Map

At the end of the story, what kind of person has Rainsford become? What will he do next? Create a well-developed story map that outlines the sequel these questions suggest. Story maps must include: setting, characters, conflict, and major events in the plot (including conflict and resolution).

After creating the story map, place it in a paragraph length story. Include detail. Be creative.