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Student Questions for "The Most Dangerous Game"

Answer each question with at least three sentences. Use evidence from the text to support your answers.

1. **Irony** is a contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or occurs. Explain the irony of Rainsford's thoughts: "All he knew was that he was safe from his enemy, the sea..."

2. Why is Zaroff so excited to have Rainsford play his game?

3. *Game* can mean both "contest" and "an animal to be hunted." Use each definition to explain two possible meanings of the **title**.

4. Did Rainsford's knowledge, experience, and training as a hunter help him win the game? Explain your answer.

5. What do you think Zaroff meant when he said to himself at the end of the game, "...of course the American hadn't played the game..."

6. Connell uses **hyperbole**, or exaggeration, when he writes about Rainsford: "He lived a year in a minute." How does the exaggeration help describe Rainsford's feelings?

7. Evaluate Rainsford's final act. Do you think he did the right thing? What might you have done in his situation?

8. Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not?