**Study Guide for “The Most Dangerous Game” Name: Date: Period:**

1. How does Rainsford feel about the animals he hunts?

2. How does Whitney explain the troubled mood of the sailors as they near Ship-Trap Island?

3. Why is the island called Ship Trap Island?

4. What is the abrupt sound that startles Rainsford as he reclines in a steamer chair?

5. How does Rainsford arrive at the mysterious island?

6. Describe the building that Rainsford approaches.

7. Describe General Zaroff’s physical appearance.

8. Describe General Zaroff’s personality.

9. How does the reader know Zaroff is an intelligent and sophisticated man?

10. Who is Ivan?

11. How does General Zaroff justify hunting and killing humans?

12. How does Zaroff stock his island with ‘game’?

13. Explain the rules of the hunt.

14. According to General Zaroff, why is Rainsford the ideal prey?

15. Where does Rainsford spend the first night of his hunt?

16. What happened to Lazarus?

17. How can the reader tell who won the final encounter between Rainsford and Zaroff?

18. Do you think Rainsford’s attitude towards hunting changes through the story?

19. How does the author create suspense and inspire fear in the reader?

**Literary Terms:** Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

Suspense: Conflict:

\*identify the conflicts in the story:

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human nature

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

human human

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

human himself/herself

Protagonist: Who is the protagonist in the story?

Antagonist: Who are the antagonists in the story?

Metaphor: Examples:

Resolution: What is the resolution of this story?

Describe the mood of the story:

Who is the narrator? From what point of view is the story told?

What is the theme of the story?

What is the setting of the story?

**Questions: Answer the following questions.**

1. What is meant by “He lived a year in a minute”?

2. In which sea has Connell set Ship-Trap island?

3. How is Zaroff able to finance his lifestyle?

4. If Rainsford wins the hunt, what does Zaroff promise him?

5. What happened to Lazarus?

6. Where does Rainsford spend the first night of his hunt?

7. How many acres did Zaroff’s father have in Crimea?

8. Why does Zaroff suggest Rainsford wear moccasins?

9. What caused Rainsford to believe Zaroff knew he was hiding in the tree? Do you think he was right? Give reasons.

10. How does Zaroff stock his island with “game”?

11. What happened to General Zaroff at the end of the story?

12. In spite of being hurt, Zaroff congratulates Rainsford on his “Malay mancatcher,” why?

13. How do we know Rainsford in an exceptionally fit man?