

essential question: What influence do I
bring to my reading?

Agenda:

Poem/journal activity

Sample paragraphs

Revise TMDG paragraphs (partner work)

things to remember: vocab quiz next class

Homework: No Red Ink assignment; revise your paragraphs
(25 points)

Journal

What is the most important thing anyone has ever said to you? How did it make you feel?

In the story "The Most Dangerous Game" Rainsford makes the ideal prey because he has the ability to reason, he is cunning, and he is courageous. From falling off a boat on accident in the dark, landing in the ocean water by himself, and no one to ~~hear his~~ calls for help, he managed to stay calm. Rainsford's collective thoughts helped him to the island with his ability to reason by swimming towards the pistol shots. "Where there are pistol shots, there are men. Where there are men there is food." In this quote, Rainsford was able to reason because in a tough situation he figured out a way to survive. General Zaroff was hunting Rainsford, he was tired of hunting regular animals on the island because he had already perfected hunting and the animals were boring him. He thought hunting Rainsford would be a challenge, not only can Rainsford reason, but he is also witty and a worthy opponent. "He executed a series of intricate loops; he doubled on his trail again and again, recalling all the lore of the fox hunt, and all the doges of the fox." In this quote, he was being cunning because he wanted to trick General Zaroff into following the wrong path. Rainsford's whole idea was to put distance in between himself and the General. In the end, his plan had worked.

During the game, the General came looking for Rainsford but his foot tripped the Malay mancatcher that Rainsford had been working on to counter Zaroff. When the mechanism came falling down Zaroff attempted to move, but he wasn't quick enough. It fell on his shoulder which took him by complete surprise. The General was was wounded and applauded Rainsford's achievement for being able to retaliate to him. "Throwing off his sack of food, Rainsford took his knife from its sheath and began to work with all his energy." He was being courageous when he

I think that Rainsford makes the perfect prey because he is smart, cunning, and has very good reasoning. Rainsford is smart because he was able to swim to the shore, while he was in the ocean, it was pitch black, and he only did it by hearing the sound of a gun. Rainsford is cunning because he tries to confuse the general by retracing his steps and doubling back sometimes. Rainsford has good reasoning because he realizes that he cannot out run the general. Instead he tries to trap and kill the general so that he can win the game. Rainsford is overall great to be the general's prey because he is able to somewhat get into the general's head. I think that getting into your opponent's head is the key to winning the game. These are the reason why Rainsford beat general Zaroff at the most dangerous game.

What works and what doesn't?

What's clear and what is unclear?

In the story “The Most Dangerous Game”, General Zaroff makes the most despicable antagonist because of his psychotic nature. For instance, when the general is talking to Rainsford over dinner about his game. He tends to smile a lot, especially when thinking about killing the men. ““If my quarry eludes me for three whole days, he wins. If I find him’--the general smiled--’he loses.’” This quote shows how the general, not only likes hunting people, but thoroughly enjoys it, demonstrating his psychotic nature. When the general is first bringing up the game, he says, “‘I’ll tell you,’ said the general. “‘you will be amused, I know.’” This shows how he sees nothing wrong with his game of killing men, and he thinks Rainsford will like it too. Finally, the next day, after Rainsford tells Zaroff he wants to go, the general gets excited when he thinks of hunting Rainsford. “‘I wish to go today,’ said Rainsford. He saw the dead black eyes of the general on him, studying him. General Zaroff’s face suddenly brightened.” At this point the general thinks of the idea to hunt Rainsford, and even though Rainsford was one of the first people he could connect with, Zaroff still enjoys the thought of hunting him. From these quotes it’s easy to tell how psychotic and unnerving General Zaroff is and that’s why he makes a truly despicable antagonist.

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General Zaroff makes the ideal antagonist in the short story "The Most Dangerous Game" because of all his hunting experience and wicked ideology. First off, when Ivan escorted Rainsford into the dining room, he saw mounted heads of many animals which include lions, tigers, elephants, moose, bears. This tells me he has killed a variety of animals and has succeeded. Zaroff also tells Rainsford "I killed my first bear in the Caucasus when I was ten. My whole life has been one prolonged hunt... It would be impossible for me to tell you how many animals I have killed." From the story he tells from his past it is obvious he has a substantial amount of hunting knowledge. What makes Zaroff even more the ideal antagonist is the fact he thinks hunting humans is acceptable. As Rainsford hears this, he is immediately shocked. He then says "But they are men." General Zaroff responds "That is why I use them." After hearing this I know that the General has become crazy, not only that but the general thoroughly takes care of the victim simply because he wants a good hunt without handicaps. Once they both finish eating, Zaroff leads Rainsford to a control tower. He then goes on to tell Rainsford he sets ship traps around the island just to capture the humans for a hunt. Zaroff tells Rainsford to look out the window, as he looks the general presses a button, suddenly lights come on and show many hazards. General Zaroff says to Rainsford "giant rocks with razor edges crouch like a sea monster with wide-open jaws. They can crush a ship as easily as I crush this nut." When he says this he drops a walnut on the floor and crushes it with his heel. All this information that Zaroff gives Rainsford just makes him want to leave the island more

In the story "The Most Dangerous Game", Rainsford makes the ideal quarry because he has the ability to reason, he is cunning, and he is courageous. When Rainsford makes it onto the island after hearing pistol shots and having a tiring battle with the sea, he wakes up from a nap with the sharp pain of hunger in his stomach. He thinks to himself, "Where there are pistol shots, there are men. Where there are men, there is food." Rainsford uses his logic and his ability to reason to help him comprehend situations and stay alive on the island. Also, when Rainsford has just gone out into the jungle to try and escape from Zaroff, he said, "I'll give him a trail to follow," muttered Rainsford, and he struck off from the rude path he had been following into the trackless wilderness. He executed a series of intricate loops; he doubled on his trail again and again..." Rainsford is especially cunning in this moment because he tries to make a complicated trail for Zaroff to follow to try and trick him instead of trying to outrun Zaroff without thinking about a strategy first. Finally, in one particularly intense moment, Rainsford is being chased by Zaroff and his pack of dogs as it's Zaroff's favorite way to hunt. When Zaroff and his pack are particularly close to catching him, Rainsford has come to the end of the island and stands on the edge of a cliff. "Twenty feet below him the sea rumbled and hissed. Rainsford hesitated. He heard the hounds. Then he leaped far out into the sea..." Rainsford demonstrated his bravery and courage when he leapt far out into the unknown Caribbean Sea instead of giving up and surrendering to Zaroff.

Conclusion

Revising the paragraph

What did you have the most trouble with that you now understand?

Setting up quote
choosing an appropriate + easy to
integrate quote
smooth transitions