Study Guide for “The Most Dangerous Game”

I. VOCABULARY: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the story and class discussions.

- palpable
- amenity
- condone
- naïve
- scruple
- futile
- cosmopolite
- debacle
- gargoyle
- zealous
- affable
- tangible
- quarry

II. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

- suspense
- conflict

*Identify the conflicts in the story:

__________________ vs. ___________________   Explain: ________________________________
human    nature

__________________ vs. ___________________   Explain:________________________________
human    human

__________________ vs. ___________________   Explain: ________________________________
human    himself/herself
Who is the protagonist in the story? ___________________________

antagonist ______________________________ Example: _________________________________

metaphor ____________________________________________

   Examples:______________________________________________

simile _________________________________________________

   Examples: ____________________________________________

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?_____________________________________________________

III. QUESTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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

2. What is meant by “I am still a beast at bay”?

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

4. How is Zaroff able to finance his life style?

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

6. What happened to Lazarus?

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

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

9. Why does Zarroff suggest Rainsford wear moccasins?

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

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

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

13. Inspite of being hurt, Zaroff congratulates Rainsford on his “Malay mancatcher,” why?

14. How do we know Rainsford is an exceptionally fit man?