

Question Support

TEXT ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 81 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Draw Conclusions** At the end of the story, Rainsford makes an important decision. He could attack Zaroff from behind. Instead, he decides to fight Zaroff face to face.

Tell why you think Rainsford makes this decision. _____

- 5. Compare and Contrast Characters** Each word or phrase is a character trait. Write R if it describes Rainsford, Z if it describes Zaroff, and B if it describes both characters.

_____ honorable	_____ experienced hunter	_____ arrogant
_____ clever	_____ cruel	_____ moral

- 6. Analyze Conflict** Reread lines 473–484. These lines introduce the main conflict of the story. Why do you think the author decided to wait to introduce the conflict of the story? _____

- 7. Examine Foreshadowing** Reread these lines from the story.

“I had to invent a new animal to hunt.”

“I am a hunter, not a murderer.”

What event does this discussion between Zaroff and Rainsford foreshadow? _____

- 8. Visualize Description** Think about the descriptions of events in the story.

Complete the following sentence. The description I remember most was _____

Now go back to the story. Look for this description. What words or details from the story helped you create a strong mental image? _____

- 9. Make Judgments** Has Rainsford changed his mind about hunting by the end of the story? Support your answer.

