

OPEN ENDED RESPONSE QUESTIONS



WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD ARGUMENT?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8hsXvCceDE>

Stop at: 1:26

ACE IT!

A: ANSWER

- Answer the question
 - Restate the question in your answer

C: CITE

- Cite evidence to support your answer
 - Back it up! Prove it!

E: EXPLAIN

- Explain how the evidence proves your answer or extend your answer with commentary

SAMPLE TEXT

“We should have some good hunting up the Amazon. Great sport, hunting.”

“The best sport in the world,” agreed Rainsford.

“For the hunter,” amended Whitney. “Not for the jaguar.”

“Don’t talk rot, Whitney,” said Rainsford. “You’re a big-game hunter, not a philosopher. Who cares how a jaguar feels?”

“Perhaps the jaguar does,” observed Whitney.

“Bah! They’ve no understanding.” 

“Even so, I rather think they understand one thing—fear. The fear of pain and the fear of death.”

“Nonsense,” laughed Rainsford. “This hot weather is making you soft, Whitney. Be a realist. The world is made up of two classes—the hunters and the huntees. Luckily, you and I are hunters. Do you think we’ve passed that island yet?” 

ANSWER THE QUESTION

- Answer the question
- Format matters!

What can be inferred about Rainsford from his conflict with Whitney?

Restate the question in your answer!



It can be inferred that Rainsford has little regard for the quarry.

- This sentence provides the “A” part of A.C.E. It restates the question and directly gives an answer.

CITE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE FROM THE SELECTION TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER.

He argues, “You’re a big-game hunter, not a philosopher. Who cares how the jaguar feels?”

Or

He argues, “Bah! They’ve no understanding.”



TEXTUAL SUPPORT/EVIDENCE

- **DIRECT QUOTE**
 - **Embed the quote**
(Introduce the quote)
 - **Do NOT plop quotes**



EXPLAIN OR EXPAND ON YOUR ANSWER:

- You can begin your “E” with phrases such as: “This emphasizes...”, “This demonstrates...”, “This signifies that...”

This demonstrates that Rainsford does not feel animals experience emotions or serve a purpose in the world.

- This sentence explains how the quote supports the answer to better prove it.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

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A.C.E. CHART

What can be inferred about Rainsford from his conflict with Whitney?

A

Rainsford has little regard for the quarry.

“C”

“You’re a big-game hunter, not a philosopher. Who cares how the jaguar feels?”

E

Rainsford does not feel animals experience emotions or serve a purpose in the world.

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SCORING

- **0 = insufficient**
 - **1 = partially sufficient**
 - **2 = sufficient**
 - **3 = exemplary**
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- **0 & 1 = not passing**
 - **2 & 3 = passing**

INSUFFICIENT

SCORE 0

- Too general or vague to determine whether it is reasonable or not

- Incorrect interpretation based on the text aka **WRONG ANSWER!**
- Mere plot summary

*Leaving it blank, illegible writing, or writing your answer in a foreign language also receives a zero!



BAD RESPONSE... SCORE OF 0

What can be inferred about Rainsford from his conflict with Whitney?

Rainsford doesn't like Whitney at all and they have a conflict.

Partially Sufficient

Answer provided BUT missing one of remaining parts

- Have evidence but no explanation
- Have explanation but no evidence

OR

- **All three parts exist BUT...**
 - Unclear or vague connection between evidence and the explanation

BETTER RESPONSE... (STILL ONLY A SCORE 1)

What can be inferred about Rainsford from his conflict with Whitney?

Rainsford doesn't really like animals. They aren't important to him and they don't have feelings.

SUFFICIENT

All three parts found WITH...

- Relevant evidence
- Explanation of evidence is clear and specific

SHOW ME A 2...

What can be inferred about Rainsford from his conflict with Whitney?

It can be inferred that Rainsford doesn't think animals have feelings. During the conversation he says, "Bah! They've no understanding."

EXEMPLARY

- **all the characteristics of a 2 WITH...**
 - Particularly thoughtful or insightful analysis and/or evidence
 - Explanation of evidence shows depth of understanding

**ORIGINAL
WELL-THOUGHT OUT
WELL-WRITTEN**

SHOW ME A 3...

Restate the question

Introduce the Quote

What can be inferred about Rainsford from his conflict with Whitney?

As a result of the conflict that ensues between Rainsford and Whitney, it can be inferred that Rainsford does not have any regard for the animals in which he hunts. While the two discuss the upcoming hunt, Rainsford disagrees with Whitney when he says, "You're a big-game hunter, not a philosopher. Who cares how the jaguar feels?" This suggests that he is completely justified in his love for hunting because animals serve no other purpose.

Introduce the explanation

REVIEW

- ACE:
 - Answer the question.
 - Cite *relevant* evidence.
 - Explain how the evidence proves your answer.
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A.C.E. CHART

How does the author use imagery to build suspense in “The Most Dangerous Game”?

A

“C”

E

A.C.E. CHART

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The author uses imagery in “The Most Dangerous Game” to build suspense when General Zaroff finds Rainsford hiding in the tree.

“C”

He mentions that, “Rainsford held his breath. The general’s eyes had left the ground and were traveling inch by inch up the tree.”

E

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A.C.E. CHART

**What type of transformation experienced in
“The Most Dangerous Game”?**

A

“C”

E

A.C.E. CHART

What type of transformation experienced in “The Most Dangerous Game”?

A

The transformation that Rainsford experienced in “The Most Dangerous Game” was in the beginning and end of the story, Rainsford was the hunter and had a hunter’s heart until he was hunted himself.

“C”

In the beginning of the story, Rainsford said, “Who cares how the jaguar feels?” Towards the end he said, “Rainsford knew now how an animal at bay feels.”

E

This suggests that Rainsford has finally experienced a change of heart in his perception of animals.

Rainsford experienced a mental transformation in “The Most Dangerous Game” when he moved from the hunter to the huntee. Initially, Rainsford argued, “Who cares how the jaguar feels?” However, his thoughts quickly changed out in the jungle when, “Rainsford knew now how an animal at bay feels.” This suggests that Rainsford has finally experienced a change of heart in his perception of animals.



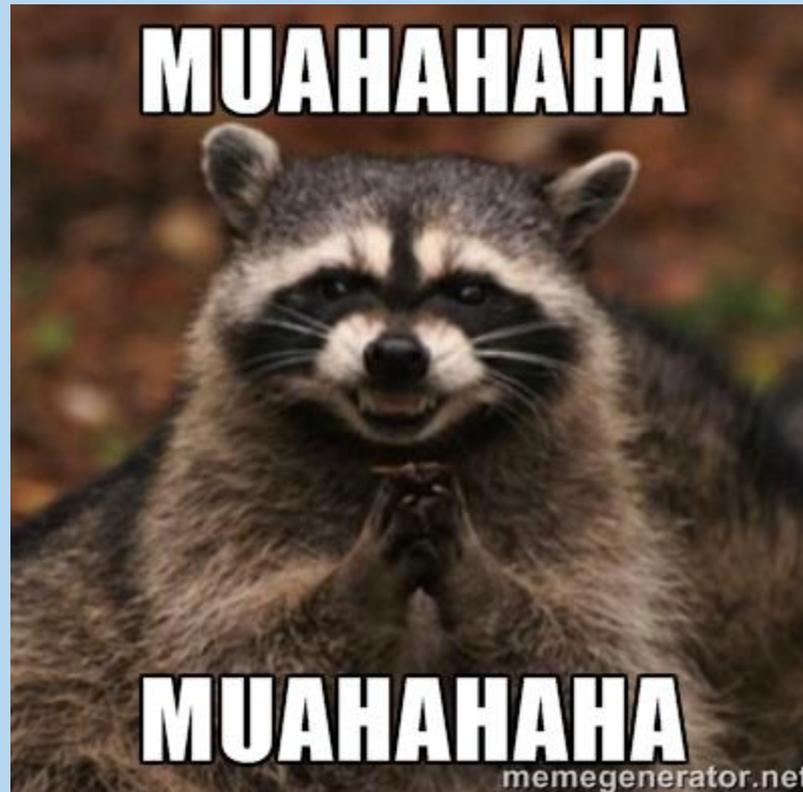
POST MORDEM SKETCH

- Using your post mortem sketch, come up with a question based on the evidence already collected.

- 1. If General Zaroff respected Rainsford, why did Zaroff want to hunt him?**
- 2. Why did Rainsford go back all the way to General Zaroffs bedroom?**

REAL WORLD PRACTICE

Today, we are going to ACE a question about a student in class.



A.C.E. CHART

Who is a terrible student in 2nd block? Use evidence from class discussion to support your answer.

A

Felix is a terrible student in 2nd block.

“C”

His decision to continue talking while Coach V talks, “Felix, why is your mouth still going when I am talking?”

E

This shows how disrespectful Felix is, therefore making him the worst student in 2nd block.

OVER CROSSOVER

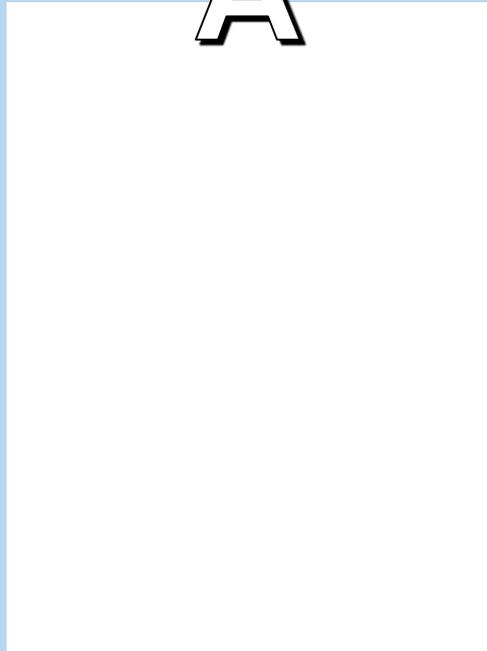
ACE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION USING “TMDG” AND “STILL I RISE”

1.) What common theme do “The Most Dangerous Game” and “Still I Rise” share? Use evidence from BOTH selections to support your answer.

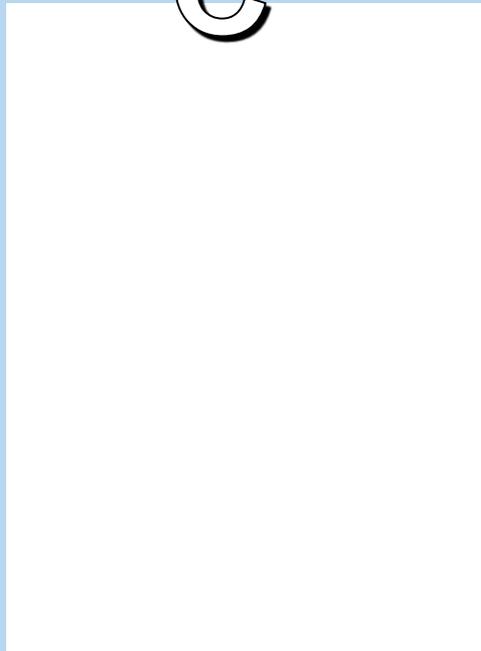
A.C.E. CHART

1.) What common theme do “The Most Dangerous Game” and “Still I Rise” share? Use evidence from both selections to support your answer.

A



“C2”



E



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