***Directions:*** **Answer the following questions CITING TEXTUAL EVIDENCE (USING QUOTES). Then give an explanation. See sample below:**

**Sample Question: How does Ivan share the characteristics of a savage?**

**Sample Answer: Ivan shares the characteristics of a savage by torturing humans for fun. In the story, Zaroff stated, “If he does not wish to hunt, I turn him over to Ivan. Ivan once served as official knouter to the Great White Czar, and he has his own ideas of sport” (p. 36). By definition, a knouter is “someone who beats criminals with a leather whip or knout” (p. 36). Therefore, Ivan enjoys whipping humans that do not want to be hunted by Zaroff. This is characteristic of a savage because a savage is violent and uncivilized. By enjoying the torture of another human, he is violent and uncivilized which shows how savage he is.**

**Text-Dependent Questions**

1. What mood is Connell trying to establish in the opening pages of the story? Identify words and phrases the author uses to establish this mood.
2. Connell uses figurative language (simile, metaphor, and personification) to create strong sensory impressions in the reader. Identify **several examples** of figurative language in the opening pages of the story and tell what effect each creates as well as the overall effect.
3. Rainsford is a man of logic. Give evidence from the story of Rainsford using reason to get himself out of difficult situations.
4. Does Rainsford's perspective on hunting shift throughout the story? Give evidence to support your answer.
5. What evidence in the story demonstrates that Zaroff is prejudiced? How does this influence our opinion of him?
6. Rainsford clearly considers himself superior to Zaroff as a human being. What evidence in the story supports this idea?
7. What evidence can be found in the story to demonstrate that Rainsford is similar to Zaroff?
8. What evidence can be found in the story to support the idea that humans’ animalistic impulses are not far below their civilized exteriors?
9. What ultimately allows Rainsford to prevail over Zaroff?