**Writing Prompt:**

In “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell, Rainsford is able to survive General Zaroff’s brutal hunt. In order to stay alive, Rainsford employs his knowledge of hunting and several survival skills. In the article, “Habits of a Highly Successful Survivor,” Laurence Gonzales describes many survival tactics and techniques. In your opinion, which skills did Rainsford use in order to survive?

Create an **introduction paragraph** responding to the prompt. Use the frame below for assistance.

1. **Opening/hook:** Get the reader’s attention!

* Quotes: From the text or from an outside source (i.e. Some say “only the strong survive”…)
* Definitions: define survival, panic, etc.
* Provocative question: If you were faced with a seemingly impossible situation, could you survive?

1. **Transition: Introduce the text**
   * Include the title, author, and a brief summary of the text that offers background information.
2. **Thesis**
   * What are you going to prove in your essay? Answer the question if one is provided in the prompt.

**Introduction rough draft:**

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**(Thesis)** Rainsford was able to survive General Zaroff’s brutal hunt by*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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| **Skills from the article:** *List the skill and an explanation of the skill from the article.* | **Evidence.** *Where in the story does Rainsford exhibit this skill? Give background information and page numbers.* |
| **1.** | **1.** |
| **2.** | **2.** |
| **3.** | **3.** |