“The Lady or the Tiger”

Discussion
Our Focus

- Difficult choices and “lose-lose” situations
- Conflicts in the story
- How to use characterization to predict the outcome.
Question to consider

- Have you ever felt as if you were “caught between a rock and a hard place”- where you needed to make a decision between two courses of action and neither option seemed quite right?
Historical Background

- In the middle ages, guilt or innocence was decided by an “ordeal”
- A person was physically tested, and the outcome determined guilt or innocence - accusers believed that God controlled what happened
- Example: Ordeal by water: the accused was tied up and thrown into deep water - a person who floated was thought to be guilty, and a person who sank was thought to be innocent
During the early years of Christianity, the Romans had a practice of putting Christians in the arena with lions, where they were mauled to death for their beliefs.

This was also done for entertainment.
Setting

- What types of stories does the setting remind you of?
- Why do you think the author chose this type of setting?
- Do you think it has anything to do with the author’s tone?
• How is the king characterized?
Famous quotes...

- “He was greatly given to self-communing, and, when he and himself agreed upon anything, the thing was done.”

- “…whenever there was a little hitch, and some of his orbs got out of their orbits, he was blander and more genial still, for nothing pleased him so much as to make the crooked straight and crush down uneven places.”

- “It mattered not that he might already possess a wife and family, or that his affections might be engaged upon an object of his own selection; the king allowed no such subordinate arrangements to interfere with his great scheme of retribution and reward.”

- “This was the king's semi-barbaric method of administering justice. Its perfect fairness is obvious.”
The Trial System

- Summarize the trial system
- How does this system suit the king’s personality?
Human Nature

- What truths about human nature does the author point out when he says that the institution was popular?
- Provide other examples where this truth is apparent.
The Princess

- Semibarbaric, fervent (passionate) and imperious (commanding), “blossoming as [the king’s] most florid (elaborate) fancies.”

- How would you characterize the princess?

- How is she similar to a fairytale princess? Different?
Young man - the accused

- Has a fineness of blood and lowness of station
- Why is the king so upset about this romance?
- How is the young man characterized?
The relationship

- Characterize the relationship between the princess and the young man
Paragraph Assignment

- **Topic:** Does the princess choose the lady or the tiger?

- **Graphic Organizer Due**
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  We will hold a peer revision session. You must also have your graphic organizer and also type up the organizer into paragraph format.

- **Final draft due** _________________

- **Submit to Turnitin.com**
  - 8-10 sentences
Sample Topic: Is Rainsford justified in killing General Zaroff? Why or why not?

- Do not start with "I think" or "I feel" or "I believe"
- Do not start with YES or NO

Your first sentence is the key idea you are trying to prove

Sample Main Idea (Topic Sentence): In Richard Connell’s “The Most Dangerous Game,” Rainsford’s killing of General Zaroff is justified because the general does not give Rainsford a choice to participate and the general cannot be trusted to comply with his terms of the game.

Your paragraph: In Frank Stockton’s “The Lady or the Tiger?” the princess chooses __________. 
Or

Your paragraph: In Frank Stockton’s “The Lady or the Tiger?” the princess chooses __________ because __________.
Now for each example you give, you must link it back to the fact that Rainsford’s killing of the general is justified. (explain)

Sample Evidence 1: The first example that supports that Rainsford is justified in killing General Zaroff is because the general does not give Rainsford a choice in playing his game, which is revealed when the general “venture[s] to suggest that [Rainsford] will find [his] idea of sport more diverting than Ivan’s?” (67).

- Your Evidence: 1st reason to support why the princess chose the lady or the tiger- you must quote text or dialogue from the story to support this.
  
  **You must use a direct quotation from the story for each piece of evidence**
  
  Use only the portion of the quote that is necessary to support your topic sentence
  
  Quotes should NEVER stand alone. You must incorporate the partial quote into your sentence.
  
  Use brackets [ ] if you need to change words in the quote
  
  Use an ellipsis … if you leave out information in the middle of what you are quoting
  
  Do not use an ellipsis to begin or end a quote; only use it if you leave out words in the middle.
  
  Cite the quote using the page number from the story. The period belongs outside the parentheses. Example: (67).
Punctuation Rules

- Use a comma to introduce a quotation after a standard dialogue tag, a brief introductory phrase, or a dependent clause.
  - The detective said, "I am sure who performed the murder."

- Put commas and periods within quotation marks, except when a parenthetical reference follows.
  - He said, "I may forget your name, but I never forget a face."
  - History is stained with blood spilled in the name of "civilization."
  - Mullen, criticizing the apparent inaction, writes, "Donahue's policy was to do nothing" (24).

- Place colons and semicolons outside closed quotation marks.
  - Williams described the experiment as "a definitive step forward"; other scientists disagreed.
  - Benedetto emphasizes three elements of what she calls her "Olympic journey": family support, personal commitment, and great coaching.

- Place a question mark or exclamation point within closing quotation marks if the punctuation applies to the quotation itself. Place the punctuation outside the closing quotation marks if the punctuation applies to the whole sentence.
  - Phillip asked, "Do you need this book?"
  - Does Dr. Lim always say to her students, "You must work harder"?
STOP QUOTING UNNECESSARILY

- **DO NOT QUOTE YOURSELF**
  - Ex: The theme of the story is “you shouldn’t force others to be who they are not.”
  - Who is the source?

- **DO NOT QUOTE WORDS FOR EMPHASIS!**

- Also, avoid “to be” verbs (*am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been*)

- Avoid weak and over used words such as very, pretty, really, a lot, thing, stuff, good, bad, so
Sample Link: By giving Rainsford the alternative of being dealt with by Ivan, the general does not give Rainsford a choice in the matter because by playing the general’s game, Rainsford at least has a chance at winning; therefore, since Rainsford is forced to partake in a killing game, he has a justified reason to kill General Zaroff.

Your paragraph: Explain how your evidence clearly shows why the princess chooses the lady or the tiger
Transitions

- Find two other examples of evidence and link them back to your first sentence.
- **Make sure you use transitions between each example**

**Transition:** The first example that supports that Rainsford is justified in killing General Zaroff is because the general does not give Rainsford a choice in playing his game, which is revealed when the general “venture[s] to suggest that [Rainsford] will find [his] idea of sport more diverting than Ivan’s?” (67).
Thus, General Zaroff’s final fate is justified because Rainsford is left with no choice in killing him due to his inability to be trusted.