

1. Character: _____ Story: _____

2. Character Traits:

Character Trait	Examples from the text (quoted exactly), with page numbers
	1. 2. 3.
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3. Thesis Statement: Compose a thesis statement which (1) identifies the character and story title, (2) lists three chosen character traits (this will be the last sentence of your introduction, paragraph one).

4. Topic Sentences: Compose three topic sentences, one for each character trait.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

5. Write your essay using the following structure:

Paragraph One – Introduction: this paragraph gives background, a general description of the story being discussed, identifying the title and author. *4-6 sentences*

Paragraphs Two, Three and Four – body paragraphs: starts with topic sentence #1, then explains that trait as seen in the story, with three examples from the text (at least two direct quotes per paragraph). *8-11 sentences each paragraph*

Page numbers for quoted and paraphrased examples are included in parentheses at the end of the sentence, before the period at the end of the sentence:

“...General Zaroff was still on his feet. But Ivan was not” (35).

Paragraph Five – Conclusion: this paragraph restates the thesis (in different words), offers some fresh perspective summarizing the character’s function in the story. *4-6 sentences*