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Class Period _____

Students entering **English I Honors** should print and complete this assignment. Hand-write the responses neatly in complete sentences.

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Printing the assigned short stories is not required.

English I Honors Short Stories Summer Reading Assignment

Due the second day of school

Theme is the overall message of a literary work. Some common literary themes are “good and evil,” “perseverance,” survival,” “family ties,” “faith,” “death and loss,” and “generosity.”

As you read the two assigned short stories—“The Most Dangerous Game” and “A Sound of Thunder”—consider a prominent theme and how the author develops the theme in the story. Then, **write a five-to-six sentence explanation for each.** Include **textual evidence** as support. Use the third person only; do not use contractions. Prefer strong verbs and adjectives. Write about literature using the present tense of the verb.

Simple plot summary of the text rather than theme analysis = half credit

“The Most Dangerous Game”

"A Sound of Thunder"
