Watch Out

Social Darwinism is a theory, which is popular to Europe and America. This theory states that “only the strongest and fittest should survive, and the weak and unfit die.” This means that the strong individuals of the species survive and the weak ones die. The strong ones reproduce strong babies, who then go on to produce strong babies of their own. This ensures the survival of the species. Each generation inherits the best genes for their survival and adaptation. Social Darwinists base their beliefs from evolution. Charles Darwin developed the theory of evolution.

Through Social Darwinism that Richard Connell is telling his audience “If a person is in a higher social class than another, it does not give that person authority to think that they are better.” In the story *Most Dangerous Game* Rainsford tells General Zaroff “They were not match at all for a hunter with his wits about him and a high-powered rifle.” Rainsford believes that animals have no chance to survive when they are being hunted because they are only animals and they don’t have any weapons for self-defense. When Rainsford was talking to General Zaroff about hunting, Zaroff tells Rainsford that he likes to hunt humans. Zaroff states that, “Life is for the strong, to be lived by the strong, and, if needs be, taken by the strong. The weak of the world were put here for pleasure.” Zaroff believes that only the strong shall live and the weak should be a pleasure to hunt, for the strong. Zaroff and Rainsford play the game; Zaroff believes that he will win because he has experience hunting humans before.