

Full Names:

Hr:

2nd Read Activity for “The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber”

By Ernest Hemmingway

Characterization

There are several ways we learn about characters.

1. Compare and contrast Wilson and Macomber.
2. **DYNAMIC CHARACTERS** are characters experience growth and change over the course of a story. Francis is a **DYNAMIC CHARACTER** because he changes a lot from the beginning of the story until the end. Francis is timid both in hunting **AND** his relationship with his wife at the beginning of the story. Find **TEXTUAL SUPPORT** (**TWO** word for word passages from the story to show that he is timid). **USE () CITATIONS** (Hemingway 12).
3. **CHARACTERIZATION**: Next find **TWO** word for word passages from the story to show how Francis got more bold both in his relationships and with hunting. **USE () CITATIONS**
4. What do we learn about Francis from what others say about him?

5. What do we learn about Francis from observing him?

6. What do we learn about Francis's wife from what others say about her?

7. What do we learn about Francis's from observing her?

8. p. 11 "The fear was still there like a cold slimy hollow in all the emptiness where once his confidence had been and it made him feel sick." What literary technique is being used here? **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE** (simile or metaphor?)

9. Find a **WORD FOR WORD** passage and site it that shows how Francis' wife is feeling about his increased bravery. **USE () CITATIONS**

INTERPRETATIONS and INFERENCES

10. "He did not know the Somali proverb that says a brave man is always frightened three times by a lion; when he first sees his track, when he first hears him roar, and when he first confronts him." Based on this saying, do you think Francis Macomber's fears were justified? **EXPLAIN.** (Note it is not asking for your opinion but asking you to make **INFERENCES.**)

11. **INFERENCES**—There is a lot of evidence that Francis Macomber’s wife had an affair w/ Wilson, the hunting guide. (Hint: much of it is on pages 20, 23, 25) Write two or more exact passages and put them in quotes indicating that hint that she had an affair w/ him. USE () CITATIONS

11. Consider the title. Why do you think Hemingway called it “The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber?” (Hint: do you think he was happy at the beginning of the story? At what point did he become happy?)