

The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber
Discussion Questions

Name: _____
Who else is in your group?

First, number the pages in your packet. If I were you, I'd make these answers in my packet (hint, hint!).

1. Find the description of Wilson. What's he look like?
2. Find the description of Macomber. What he look like?
3. What's the phrase they use when they want to say the safari went bad?
4. At this point, what do you think happened that morning on their first hunt?
5. Look at page 5, 4th paragraph where it starts "Oh anything." What's Wilson talking about when he says to himself, "They are the hardest in the world..." (read the rest of the paragraph). What's he talking about and what does it say about him?
6. How does Macomber plan to clean up his reputation (page 6)?
7. The crew decides to go out to hunt Lion. On page 9 Macomber makes yet another small blunder making him look like a whimp. What is it?
8. On page 11, Macomber yet again makes himself look whimpy. How so?

9. On page 14 you figure out the state of their marriage. Describe it.

10. Between pages 14 & 15 you learn something about the wife. What happened?

11. (in regards to your answer in question 10) Wilson explains (to himself) whose was at fault. Who was and why?

12. On pages 18-19 summarize how Macomber (and Wilson) shot the buffalo.

13. What tells you that Macomber has changed after this killing? (p.20-21)

14. As the group enters the bush to finish off the animal, describe what happens (23-24).

15. Analyze the title: The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber. What does the title mean?