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**GRADES 9-12**

# **The Sun Also Rises**

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**READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT**

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**Directions:** Below is a short biography of Ernest Hemingway. Read it carefully, and then choose the answer that you think would fit Hemingway's life or writing.

### Biography

Ernest Hemingway was known as being a "man's man"—one who loved hard-hitting sports and adventures. He was also a devoted father and a meticulous writer. During his writing career, he earned the title "The Voice of the Lost Generation," and also created the "Hemingway hero" or "Hemingway code."

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Hemingway learned his love of the outdoors from his (a) father (b) mother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Hemingway loved (a) big-game hunting (b) boating on the Riviera.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Hemingway enjoyed (a) traveling to various parts of the world (b) roaming the western USA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Hemingway got his experiences for his books from (a) reading great adventure stories (b) his experiences as an ambulance driver and war correspondent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A Hemingway hero views life (a) romantically (b) realistically.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hemingway probably (a) drank and smoked (b) abstained from things that would harm his body.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. During his lifetime, Hemingway was married (a) once (b) several times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Hemingway (a) edited his work multiple times (b) only edited his work twice.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Hemingway wrote (a) non-controversial material (b) controversial material.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Hemingway's "lost generation" suffered the loss of (a) values (such as love) and goals in life (b) material possessions such as homes and clothes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Hemingway's writing style was (a) very similar to other writers of his day (b) a new, fresh style that changed American literature.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. A Hemingway hero is (a) not at all like Hemingway (b) very much like Hemingway himself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. A Hemingway hero faces life (a) courageously and boldly (b) timidly and fearfully.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Write an answer to each question on separate paper. Thought or opinion questions are starred. Use your answers during class discussion, for writing assignments, or reviewing for tests.

## Book I

### Chapters I–II, pp. 11–21

1. Who is introduced at the beginning of the section?
2. What sport did Robert Cohn learn at Princeton? Why?
3. Briefly describe Cohn's life after Princeton.
4. Who are Cohn's two friends? Explain their relationship to Cohn.
5. What did Cohn discover that he enjoyed doing in California?
6. Who is Frances and how does she influence Cohn's life? Why does Cohn kick Jake under the table?
7. What good fortune does Robert Cohn have in America?
8. According to his friends, what changes have come over Cohn since he returned from America?
9. What importance does Cohn put on reading *The Purple Land*?
10. As a result of his reading, what does Cohn want to do? What is Jake's attitude towards Cohn's proposition?

### Chapters III–IV, pp. 22–42

1. Whom does Jake Barnes call to sit with him at the Napolitain?
2. When Jake and Georgette get in the cab, what does Jake confide to her?
3. When Jake and Georgette get to the restaurant, who is there?
4. How does Jake introduce Georgette?
5. Who arrives at the *bal musette* after Jake and his friends?
6. How does Jake react to the newcomers?
7. Who, besides Jake, finds Lady Brett Ashley attractive?
8. What does Jake mean when he says to Lady Ashley that she has "made a new one"?
9. When Jake and Brett leave in the taxi, what action occurs? What does the action tell the reader?
10. What does Barnes refer to when he says, "what happened to me is supposed to be funny"?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Interest Wheel

**Directions:** *The Sun Also Rises* is filled with interesting characters. On the Interest Wheel below, choose one character from each chapter in Book I who is the most interesting, intriguing, or fascinating to you. On the spokes of the wheel, list actions, attitudes, comments, or facts that make that person the most outstanding person in the chapter. You may choose the same character more than once, but vary the reasons you provide.



