Title: “A Day’s Wait”

Author: Ernest Hemingway

Setting: Early 1930’s; somewhere in the US

Characters: Schatz, Papa, Doctor, servants

Plot Summary:

\*A little boy is sick with the flu

\*Dr thinks it’s a mild case, but says his temp can’t go higher than 104

\*The little boy sends his father away

\*Papa goes hunting, when he comes back he finds out the boy won’t let the servants in his room

\*Boy tells Papa he thinks he is going to die; that is why he sent him away

\*Papa tells him that he mixed up Celsius and Fahrenheit and he will be fine

\*Schatz goes back to being a typical little kid who’s sick

Conflicts: man vs. himself, man vs. nature

Title: “All Summer in a Day”

Author: Ray Bradbury

Setting: Sometime in the future; Venus

Characters: Margot, William, classmates, teacher

Plot Summary:

\*Children in a school on Venus are eagerly waiting for the sun, which only comes out every seven years for a short time during one day; it rains the rest of the time

\*William, a bully, doesn’t like Margot b/c she’s different and she remembers the sun while no one else in the class does

\*William gets the rest of the class to help him lock Margot in closet

\*The children go outside and play in the sun for a short time

\*When they come back they realize Margot is still in the closet and that she missed the sun

\*They feel guilty as they let her out

Conflicts: man vs. man, man vs. nature, man vs. society

Title: “The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street”

Author: Rod Serling

Setting: early 1960’s; typical suburban street in the US

Characters:

Narrator Don Martin

Figure One Sally

Figure Two Man One

Steve Brand Man Two

Charlie’s Wife Pete Van Horn

Mrs. Goodman Charlie

Tommy Les Goodman

Woman Mrs. Brand

“Monsters” Plot Summary:

\*A “meteor” hits Maple Street

\*Power is lost and all things, like cars and radios, stop working

\*Pete Van Horn leaves to see how things are on another street

\*Tommy tells his story about the aliens

\*Les Goodman’s car starts on its own

\*People become suspicious of their neighbors

\*Charlie shoots and kills Pete Van Horn

\*Chaos ensues, violence erupts

\*Aliens reveal their plan for conquering Earth: let humans destroy themselves

Conflicts: man vs. man, man vs. unknown, man vs. machine

Title: “The Most Dangerous Game”

Author: Richard Connell

Setting: Early 1920’s (post WWI); remote Caribbean island (Ship Trap Island)

Characters: Rainsford, Whitney, Zaroff, Ivan

Plot Summary:

\*Rainsford and Whitney pass an “evil” island on their way to a hunting vacation

\*Rainsford falls overboard and swims to the island

\*Rainford wakes up and finds the remains of a hunt

\*Discovers the chateau; meets Ivan

\*Meets Zaroff, finds out he is an expert hunter, but became bored hunting animals

\*Zaroff says he now hunts humans; Rainsford horrified

\*Zaroff tells Rainsford how he gets sailors to the island and that he has some “in training”

\*Rainsford asks to leave, but Zaroff challenges him to a hunt instead

\*Rainsford becomes the hunted, finds ways to survive

\*Rainsford uses his hunting skills to set three traps

\*In the end, he defeats Zaroff, kills him, feeds him to his dogs, and sleeps in a comfy bed

Conflicts: man vs. man, man vs. himself, man vs. nature, man vs. society