

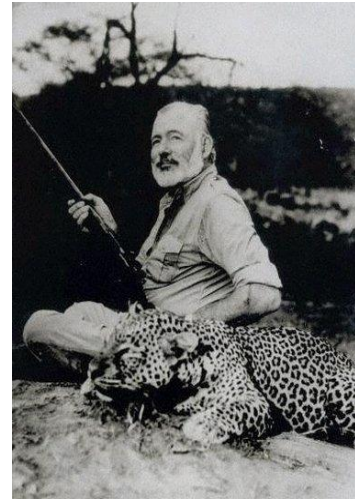
## ***HEMINGWAY NOTES***

- Born in suburban Oak Park, Illinois
- Wounded while ambulance driver for Italy WWI (*Farewell to Arms*, 1929, was based off this experience)
- Won medals for his bravery and courage during the war.
  
- During the 1920s, a group of American expatriate authors became prominent members of the European literary scene, including Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- Their group became known as “The Lost Generation”
- After the horrors of WWI (1914-1918) Americans, especially soldiers, lost hope
- This “Lost Generation” returned to Europe after the armistice becoming expatriates because . . .
- they found Europe exotic
- they felt at home in the Paris culture of displaced people
- they relished the freedoms of smoking, casual sex, & drinking in cafes all night--things not allowed back home
- they enjoyed a terrific exchange rate
- Hemingway’s take of “The Lost Generation” is seen in his novel, *The Sun Also Rises*.

- The Expatriates believed that World War I had shattered people's values and thus left them with a sense of alienation. Through the plot and characterization within The Sun Also Rises, Hemingway develops the feeling of despondency and alienation.
- Hemingway created his Code Hero--Heroes are often flawed but courageous, honest, active doers, tough, emotionally private, silent sufferers who lose hope
- Reader must interject the nuances (subtle meaning) in the spare dialogue
- Hemingway's writing seldom uses metaphors
- Famous for his terse writing, sparse dialogue and stark writing style.
- Wrote without extra frills and flowers, but managed to convey emotion and description despite it.
  
- "The Sun Also Rises" is based on Hemingway's trip w/friends to Paris and Pamplona, Spain for the running of the bulls

[YouTube - Day 1 - Running of the Bulls, San Fermin, Pamplona, 2009](#)

- Hemingway was a prolific hunter, fisherman, and alcoholic.



- During the last years of his life, Hemingway's health deteriorated (perhaps from his alcoholism) and he began suspecting that the FBI was monitoring him.
- He received as many as 15 sessions Electro-Shock therapy for his disillusionment and paranoia at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.
- Two days after his most recent session of EST, he woke up one morning, put his mouth around his favorite shotgun, and pulled the trigger.
- Granddaughter is Mariel Hemingway.  
She is primarily a TV star appearing in episodes of *Law & Order*, *Becker*, & *Crossing Jordan*. She is presently working on a production of *A Moveable Feast*, a set of memoirs by Ernest Hemingway about his life as an expatriate in Paris