**THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA** questions

What happens to make Santiago curse the treachery of his own body?

In order to help himself catch the fish, what does Santiago do?

Why does the thought of selling the fish’s meat disappoint the old man?

How does Santiago finally kill the marlin?

How long does it take for the sharks to arrive and attack the marlin?

Of what did Santiago always dream?

What did Manolin give Santiago two of before he left?

How does the old man know immediately the size of the great marlin he has caught?

During his great struggle with the fish, what does Santiago wish repeatedly?

As his first full day of fighting with the fish wears on, what does Santiago begin to think about his adversary?

When the novella opens, how long has it been since Santiago last caught a fish?

Manolin’s parents refuse to let the boy fish with the old man because they believe Santiago is *salao*. How does Hemingway translate this word?

How does Hemingway describe Santiago’s eyes?

Who is Santiago’s hero?

What hangs on the wall of the old man’s shack?

What challenges does the old man face during his fight with the giant fish?

How does the old man manage his lines in a way that makes him different to the other fisherman?

At the end of the novel, what valuable lesson does Santiago learn about the idea of death?

[Why does Santiago treat the fish like a human?](https://www.enotes.com/homework-help/why-santiago-treat-fish-like-human-1586781)

**Where had the old man gone in his youth that he dreamed about every night?**

**What does the old man call the sea?**

**As the conflict between the old man and the fish drags on, how does the old man view the fish?**

**How does the old man kill the great marlin?**

**To whom or what does the old man utter the curse "Bad luck to your mother?"**

**What does Santiago eat to keep up his strength?**

**What continent does the old man visit in his youth?**

**How is Santiago (the old man) described/characterized early in the story?**

**What two signs indicate that there are fish nearby?**

**How does Santiago know he has caught a fish of extraordinary size?**

**Why does Santiago want the fish to jump?**

**Describe Santiago’s right and left hands:**

**Why does Santiago say the fish is more noble than he? Explain:**

**Identify two (2) things Santiago does to preserve his strength:**

**Distinguish the second shark attack from the first. What is different about the second attack?**