**The Old Man and the Sea**

1. "A **man can** be **destroyed but not defeated**"

The above sentence is taken from The Old Man and the Sea, a novella that is written by Ernest Hemingway. It suggests that life is, in fact, a battlefield in which man should win. The one who has a strong will in life is the one who wins the battle. Narratively talking, when Santiago fails in the battle of carrying the big marlin to shore safely, he makes a promise that he will try fishing again along with the boy Manolin. Santiago has never given up his ambition to keep working as a successful fisherman.

**II. The relationship between human being and Nature**

Having read The Old Man and the Sea, I come to understand that the relationship between people and nature is exceedingly negative. People appear aggressive towards all elements of nature, with sea animals being one of these elements. Although the old man appreciates the beauty of these animals and loves them, he insists on killing a beautiful huge marlin so as to restore his confidence as a fisherman. But Hemingway does not feel sad to see human beings unable to reach the stars and the moon in the sky. If he had reached them, man would have killed them, and life would not seem beautiful as it is now.

**III. The friendship between the old man and the boy.**

It appears that Ernest Hemingway introduces a new type of friendship between a boy called Manolin and an old man called Santiago. They are different in age, but they have a similar vision for life. Both believe that fishing is a matter of luck and that all they need to do is to try again and again. Moreover, they have a deep interest in baseball. Even when the boy stops working with him, he comes to take care of the old man, refusing to give up that unmatched friendship.