**Moral Gain versus Material gain:**

In this novel, Santiago goes on a fishing voyage to the sea in order to accomplish two types of gains: first he wants to catch a big fish that would provide material support for the old man during the coming time since he is too old to go everyday for fishing (even though he is described is able and strong). Second and most importantly, is the moral gain to prove himself capable and professional fisherman. It seems that the moral gain is all what he wants after he almost lost hope of brining the fish ashore because packs of sharks begin to attack and eat the dead marlin.

Santiago wants to ensure that even if he would lose the fish and go back home without the fish (materially speaking); he should never lose his dignity and have more faith in himself as a capable fisherman.

**Questions:**

1. The old man embarks on a journey seeking a material and moral profit. Discuss with examples from the novel.
2. For Santiago the moral gain he is seeking is much more important than the material one. Elaborate.