Descriptive Essay Outline Worksheet

Topic: Dangerous Sea Creatures

Reminders:
Paragraph 1: Introduction (including a thesis statement)
Paragraphs 2-4: Body
Paragraph 5: Conclusion

Audience: ____________________________________________
Purpose: ____________________________________________

Introduction

Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: ____________________________________________
_________________________________________________________

Describe creature #1: ____________________________________________
_________________________________________________________

Describe creature #2: ____________________________________________
_________________________________________________________

Describe creature #3: ____________________________________________
_________________________________________________________

Thesis Statement: ____________________________________________
_________________________________________________________
Body

**Paragraph 2 (second most dangerous sea creature in your opinion)**

Topic Sentence: ____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Description of animal: ______________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Why is this creature dangerous?: _____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Examples and supporting details: _____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

**Paragraph 3 (third most dangerous sea creature in your opinion)**

Topic Sentence: ____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Description of animal: ______________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Why is this creature dangerous?: _____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Examples and supporting details: _____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________
Paragraph Four (the most dangerous sea creature in your opinion)

Topic Sentence:__________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

Description of animal:___________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

Why is this creature dangerous?:___________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

Examples and supporting details:___________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

Conclusion

Paragraph 5

Summarize your points about the most dangerous sea creatures (re-state your thesis in here)
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__________________________________________________________

Why are these creatures dangerous? Any other important comments go here.
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Creative closing thought:
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