A SAMPLE OUTLINE

(Report Subject:)
MAMMALS OF THE SEA

(Topic Sentence)
Earth's oceans are home to many fascinating and beautiful mammals.

(First Main Idea)
I. Ways Sea and Land Mammals Are Alike

(Facts)
A. Take in oxygen from the air
B. Nourish young with milk
C. Have hair, or hairlike structures

(Second Main Idea)
II. Examples of Sea Mammals and Their Behavior

(Facts)
A. Manatees: rise to surface to breathe
B. Dolphins: care for young for several years
C. Sea otters: thick fur insulates their bodies

(Final Idea)
III. Ways in Which Sea Mammals Are Threatened

(Facts)
A. Pollution of ocean water and air