**Sample Intro Paragraph**

**The definition of fear is a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, or a variety of other sources. Rainsford, Val Plumwood, and Eckels are all characters that are faced with the conflict of confronting their greatest fears. These terrors include a deranged ex-general, a hungry crocodile, and an infuriated T-rex. In the short stories “The Most Dangerous Game”, “Being Prey”, and “A Sound of Thunder”, the three main characters face their fears in very different ways with very different outcomes, showing both their strengths and weaknesses in the process.**

**Clever Topic Sentence: The definition of fear is a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, or a variety of other sources.**

**Info About Topic: Rainsford, Val Plumwood, and Eckels are all characters that are faced with the conflict of confronting their greatest fears. These terrors include a deranged ex-general, a hungry crocodile, and an infuriated T-rex.**

**Strong Thesis Statement: In the short stories “The Most Dangerous Game”, “Being Prey”, and “A Sound of Thunder”, the three main characters face their fears in very different ways with very different outcomes, showing both their strengths and weaknesses in the process.**

**Sample Concluding Paragraph**

**Showing their weaknesses and strengths in the process, the three main characters from the stories “The Most Dangerous Game”, “Being Prey”, and “A Sound of Thunder” exhibit diverse outcomes to each of their situations. Rainsford was able to conquer his enemy General Zaroff, Plumwood was able to overcome the crocodile and survive, but Eckels was not able to stand-up to the T-rex and paid the ultimate price when he interfered with the future at the end of the story. All three characters, in some capacity, faced their fears, even if only two of the three survived to re-tell their stories in the future.**

**Restatement of Thesis Statement: Showing their weaknesses and strengths in the process, the three main characters from the stories “The Most Dangerous Game”, “Being Prey”, and “A Sound of Thunder” exhibit diverse outcomes to each of their situations.**

**Wrap-up of Thoughts and End Essay: Rainsford was able to conquer his enemy General Zaroff, Plumwood was able to overcome the crocodile and survive, but Eckels was not able to stand-up to the T-rex and paid the ultimate price when he interfered with the future at the end of the story. All three characters, in some capacity, faced their fears, even if only two of the three survived to re-tell their stories in the future.**