OMATS Close Reading

Directions: As you read, underline details related to imagery in the passage. Circle a simile used in paragraph 2 and paragraph 3.

Passage p.100:

1 The shark was not an accident. He had come up from deep down in the water as the dark cloud of blood had settled and dispersed in the mile-deep sea. He had come up so fast and absolutely without caution that he broke the surface of the blue water and was in the sun. Then he fell back into the sea and picked up the scent and started swimming on the course the skiff and the fish had taken.

2 Sometimes he lost the scent. But he would pick it up again, or have just a trace of it, and he swam fast and hard on the course. He was a very big Mako shark built to swim as fast as the fastest fish in the sea and everything about him was beautiful except his jaws. His back was as blue as a sword fish's and his belly was silver and his hide was smooth and handsome. He was built as a sword fish except for his huge jaws which were tight shut now as he swam fast, just under the surface with his high dorsal fin knifing through the water without wavering.

3 Inside the closed double lip of his jaws all of his eight rows of teeth were slanted inwards. They were not the ordinary pyramid-shaped teeth of most sharks. They were shaped like a man's fingers when they are crisped like claws. They were nearly as long as the fingers of the old man and they had razor-sharp cutting edges on both sides. This was a fish built to feed on all the fishes in the sea, that were so fast and strong and well-armed that they had no other enemy. Now he speeded up as he smelled the fresher scent and his blue dorsal fin cut the water.

Answer the following questions in <u>complete sentences:</u>

1. How does Hemingway use imagery in the above passage to emphasize the qualities of the shark?

2. Write one simile from paragraph 2 and one simile from paragraph 3.   How do these comparisons strengthen the description of the shark?

Paragraph 2 Simile: _____

Strengthens the comparison by:

<u>Paragraph 3 Simile</u>: _____

Strengthens the comparison by:

3. Based on the passage, how would you describe Santiago's perception of the shark? Use text support.