



Essay Conclusions

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Writing a conclusion can be just as tricky as beginning one. None of us want to be redundant in our writing, but it often seems the only way to conclude a paper. For some students, concluding a paper can be the most difficult part of the writing process. Just know that you are not alone. Continue reading to master the art of writing strong essay conclusions.

What is an essay conclusion?

A conclusion is the very last paragraph of your paper. It summarizes the thesis and arguments that you have made along the way. It helps reiterate to readers why your paper should matter to them.

What should a conclusion do?

1. Restate the thesis in some fashion
2. Lend to the essay a feeling of wholeness
3. Leave the audience with an impression

Below are some suggestions with **HOW** to conclude. You can use one or more of the following.

- Answer the “So what?” question. At the end of the essay, as yourself this question and use your conclusion to answer the “So what?” question.
- Don’t merely repeat the information in your paper. Show your reader how the points you’ve made in your paper are interrelated. For example, if you’ve spent three pages discussing presidential economic policies, discuss in your conclusion the relationship between those policies and their possible effect on future generations. In other words, show how your points fit together.
- Leave your reader with something new. If your paper has gone from general to specific (which hopefully it has), move in reverse from specific to general. Does your paper have wider implications? What are they? Use the conclusion to help explore these ideas and answer any questions.
- Create a new meaning. You don’t have to include new information to create a new meaning. Pose a question or recontextualize your argument.

Your essay conclusion

"Getting a better job is a goal that I would really like to accomplish in the next few years.



the thesis restatement

Finishing school will take me a long way to meeting this goal. To meet my goal, I will also prepare my résumé and search for jobs.



summarizing the subpoints

My goal may not be an easy one to achieve, but things that are worth doing are often not easy."



the final impression

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Works Consulted:

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