

How to Write a Conclusion

Grade 6

The conclusion is your last chance to give your last word on the subject. Do not finish up with leftover bits of facts. Do not have an emotional conclusion—your paper is based on analysis. Do not state your thesis statement for the first time in your conclusion. Synthesize, do not summarize. Include a provocative insight or quotation from your research. Return to the theme of your introduction. Have the introduction and conclusion frame your thoughts and bridge your ideas for the reader.

Grade 7

Your conclusion opens the door to relevance in your reader's daily life. Your conclusion should help the reader see things differently or appreciate your topic in a personal way. The style of your conclusion should match the style of your paper. There should not be any extra ideas or unneeded emotion in your conclusion. Your conclusion needs to be thought-provoking but not introduce any new information. You should not start your conclusion with "in conclusion" or "in summary." Instead of summarizing, you should synthesize. Your conclusion is your last chance to drive your point home.