

Essay Conclusion Guide

Conclusions are an essential part of an essay. They recap the essay's main points and restate how they support the thesis statement.

They also serve as a final comment on the topic. This might be a discussion of the implications of the truth of your thesis (answering the question, so what?) or some discussion providing food for thought for your reader concerning the thesis or paper subject.

Whatever your essay is about, the conclusion should aim to emphasize the significance of your argument, whether that's within your academic subject or in the wider world.

Try to end with a strong, decisive sentence, leaving the reader with a lingering sense of interest in your topic.

Tips for your conclusions

- Link the last paragraph to the first, perhaps by reiterating a word or phrase you used at the beginning.
- To wrap up your conclusion, zoom out to a broader view of the topic and consider the implications of your argument. For example:

Does it contribute a new understanding of your topic?

Does it raise new questions for future study?

Does it lead to practical suggestions or predictions?

Can it be applied to different contexts?

Can it be connected to a broader debate or theme?

- Keep it simple. Conclusions do not have to be very long. If you restate your thesis, recap your body paragraphs and how they support your thesis, and have a strong final statement, your conclusion should be good to go.

DON'T

- Include new evidence
 - Any evidence or analysis that is essential to supporting your thesis statement should appear in the main body of the essay.

- Use “concluding phrases”
 - Avoid using obvious stock phrases to tell the reader what you’re doing:
 - “In conclusion...”
 - “To sum up...”
- Undermine your argument
 - Avoid using apologetic phrases that sound uncertain or confused:
 - “This is just one approach among many.”
 - “There are good arguments on both sides of this issue.”
 - “There is no clear answer to this problem.”

REMEMBER THE CONCLUSION IS THE BOTTOM OF YOUR ESSAY’S PILLAR!

