

Conclusion Paragraphs

APSU Writing Center Handout

The conclusion paragraph is the final part of your essay. It summarizes your key points, reinforces how your evidence supports your argument, and restates your thesis in a new way. The goal is to create a lasting impression or call to action by showing the significance of the paper's analysis.

A Strong Conclusion

- Reinforces the author's position after presenting evidence.
- Does not introduce new ideas or arguments.
- Leaves the reader with a clear sense of your essay's importance.
- Offers final insight into the broader implications of the topic.

How to Write a Strong Conclusion Paragraph

Restate the Thesis

- Revisit your main argument by rewording the thesis to reflect the insights developed in the essay.

Synthesize Key Points

- Emphasize the connections between the ideas to demonstrate a unified argument rather than a list of points.

Explain Why It Matters

- Discuss the broader significance of the argument.
- Consider answering these questions:

- How does it shape the reader's understanding?
- Why is it important academically, socially, or in the real world?

Call to Action or Final Thoughts

- Encourage readers to think further or act.
- End with a thought-provoking question, insight, or reflection that extends beyond your paper.

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