

## Conclusion

It's the last part before proofreading and editing! You're almost there!!

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### What is in a conclusion?

- A conclusion is what you leave with your reader, giving the reader a sense of closure
- It “wraps up” your paper
- It demonstrates to the reader that you accomplished what you set out to do
- It shows how you have proved your thesis

<u>What to avoid:</u>	<u>What helps:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Do not simply restate your thesis statement, as that would be redundant</li><li>● Your conclusion is no place to bring up new ideas</li><li>● Beginning with an unnecessary, overused phrase<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "in conclusion"</li><li>○ "in summary"</li><li>○ "in closing"</li><li>○ "as shown in the essay"</li></ul></li><li>● Introducing a new idea or subtopic in your conclusion</li><li>● Including evidence (quotations, statistics, etc.) that should be in the body of the paper</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Your topic sentence should summarize what you said in your thesis statement. Rephrase the thesis statement with fresh and deeper understanding</li><li>● Your closing sentence should help the reader feel a sense of closure</li><li>● Play the "So What" Game.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ When you read a statement from the conclusion, ask yourself, "So what?" or "Why should anybody care?"</li></ul></li><li>● Return to the theme or themes in the introduction<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ This brings the reader full circle</li></ul></li></ul>

### Conclusion outline:

- Topic sentence
  - Fresh rephrasing of thesis statement
- Supporting sentences
  - Summarize or wrap up the main points in the body of the essay
  - Explain how ideas fit together
- Closing sentence
  - Final words
  - Connects back to the introduction
  - Provides a sense of closure