

CONCLUSION

What makes a good conclusion?

- An effective ending, or conclusion, is essential for your paper’s success.
- A conclusion will put your ideas in perspective, allow your readers to re-focus on your main idea, and perhaps even stimulate your readers to follow you in your belief or opinion.
- A conclusion should satisfy your readers and give them a feeling of completeness.

Note: Pre-write about your introduction and body paragraphs, re-read what you have written, then ask yourself: “So what?” Your response can lead you to the powerful conclusion you are seeking.

Suggestions to consider when crafting your conclusion:

Importance	“My subject is important because. . .” Write down your answer. In your conclusion, you can then stress the importance of your subject.
Paraphrase	Try to paraphrase the main idea from your introduction and match the introduction to the conclusion to envelop the body of your paper.
Summarize	If you have written a long paper, you may want to summarize the main points of the paper in your conclusion along with paraphrasing your main idea.
Anecdote	End your paper with an anecdote or story to show the implications of the ideas you presented. You can conclude by asking one or more questions to force them to continue thinking about the issues .
Solution	If your paper describes or exposes a problem, you may want to offer a solution in the conclusion of your paper.
Quote	You may choose to end your paper with an appropriate quote from an authority on your subject. This can be one way to give your paper and your conclusion greater significance.
Warning	If upon further exploration, your subject may lead to frightening or disgusting discoveries, you may want to use your conclusion as a place to warn your readers of what could be in store for them.
Challenge	If you feel strongly about your subject and you want to enlist the help of your readers to fight for a cause , you might conclude your paper by challenging your readers to do or to believe something.