

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

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PURPOSE

- Recaps audience of the essay ideas with a concluding sentence.
- Completes the organization around the essay.
- Influences essay quality.
- Provides some closure to the essay, adding motivation, connections, and significance to explore further reading.
- Leaves the audience with a lasting impression.

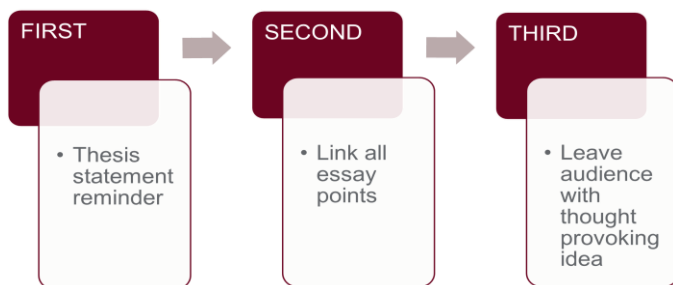
(2) LINK ALL ESSAY POINTS

- Summarize by connecting essay points without repeating.
- Unite points signifying their importance.

(3) LEAVE AUDIENCE WITH THOUGHT PROVOKING IDEA

- Inspire the audience to the reader to further investigate the topic.
- Includes strategies such as prediction, recommendation, quotation, fact, significance, or future research.

STRUCTURE



(1) THESIS STATEMENT REMINDER

- Usually the first sentence in the conclusion paragraph.
- Referred to as the **concluding sentence**.
- Includes the main ideas and controlling ideas presented in the thesis statement, but not the exact wording and/or organization.
- *Often marked with a transition/connector, indicating the last essay section.

APPROACHES TO CLOSE THE CONCLUSION

After finalizing the concluding sentence, there are several approaches to close the conclusion paragraph.

1. Provide prediction.
2. Recommend a course of action/solution/suggestion.
3. Use a relevant thought-provoking quotation providing authority.
4. Provide a startling statistic, fact, or visual image to emphasize the topic.
5. Point out the value or significance of your subject.
6. Suggest opportunities for future research.

COMMON ERRORS

- Avoid using the same words from the thesis statement.
- Avoid introducing new ideas.
- Avoid apologizing.
- Avoid repeating all of the information presented in the essay.
- Avoid adding a final thought/comment unrelated to the essay topic.
- *Avoid beginning the unnecessary and over-worked phrases such as “in conclusion”, “to summarize”, and “in closing” because it is obvious the reader it is the conclusion paragraph.

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