

WRITING A CONCLUSION

Conclusion: An essay ends with a brief conclusion, which brings the essay to a logical end.

An effective conclusion should:

- Provide closure for the reader by reviewing main points:
 - Make sure that this review is brief – after all, these points have already been fully developed in the body paragraphs
 - Try to link (if you can) the main idea of the essay to a larger issue
 - Predict an outcome related to the main idea, giving an opinion
 - Use a quotation that helps sum up an essential aspect of your main idea/point

- Remind readers of the primary focus of the essay, which can be done by **restating the main idea in different words.**

- Avoid introducing new ideas!