

Writing an Conclusion Paragraph

A How-To Guide for Students

Your conclusion paragraph is the last thing your readers will see. It gives readers a sense of closure and it nicely ends your essay. The conclusion paragraph consists of two parts:

Restating Your Thesis (color-code it orange)

You will restate your thesis (say it in a different way). Restating your thesis will remind readers of your main points and bring the essay to a close.

Closing Thought (color-code it pink)

This final sentence (or two) of your essay leaves readers with a parting thought at the end of your essay.

We will practice with each of these elements, but first, read this example:

Prompt: How is technology helpful in our society? Write an essay to describe the ways that technology is helpful in our daily lives.

Introduction Paragraph:

Imagine a world with no technology. Would our lives be better or worse? In my opinion, our lives would be much more difficult. Technology is helpful in our society because it impacts medical care, education, and entertainment.

How did the author state the thesis differently than it was stated in the introduction paragraph?

Conclusion Paragraph:

Our society depends on technology because it improves medical care, education, and entertainment. Technology touches every part of our lives, from birth to death. I'm excited to see where technology will lead us in the future!

Your conclusion paragraph is a good place to state an opinion or two. Do you like this closing thought? Why or why not?

Now, color-code this conclusion paragraph. Look at the chart to help you!



Restating the Thesis Sentence

Take a Closer Look



In the conclusion paragraph, we restate our thesis sentence to remind the reader of our main points and to bring closure to the essay. It's not difficult at all! Just say your thesis sentence in a different way. Be creative with your words to make it sound different.

EXAMPLE:

ORIGINAL THESIS SENTENCE:

George Washington is considered an American leader because he had great talent in farming, he commanded the Continental Army, and he set policy as our first president.

RESTATED THESIS SENTENCE:

The leader I most admire is George Washington because he was a talented farmer, commander of the Continental Army, and a trend-setter as our first president.

EXAMPLE:

ORIGINAL THESIS SENTENCE:

Middle school will be an amazing experience because I will switch classes, choose where I sit for lunch, and I'll have a locker.

RESTATED THESIS SENTENCE:

I can't wait to go to middle school because I will be able to rotate classes, enjoy open seating in the cafeteria, and I will be assigned my own locker.



Writing a Closing Thought

Take a Closer Look



The very last sentence (or two) of your essay is a closing thought. This is the final impression that you will leave with your readers. Closing thoughts can take many different forms. Here are some ideas:

Type of Closing Thought	Example
Quote	"A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on." – President John F. Kennedy
Ask a Question	What do you consider the three most important moments of your life?
Call to Action	Remember, if you see trash on the ground, pick it up! We all have to help keep the environment clean.
Powerful Thought	Each of us are just a tiny part of this massive universe!
Personal Thought	I have finally realized the impact of being kind and thoughtful to everyone. We will never know how much our words and actions affect other people.