

APSU Writing Center Conclusion Paragraphs

What is a Conclusion Paragraph?

- A conclusion paragraph is the final part of your essay, where you summarize your key points, reinforce how the evidence supports your argument, and restate the thesis or central claim. The goal is to leave a lasting impression on the reader by explaining the significance of your analysis and, if applicable, offering a call to action.

Key Components of an Effective Conclusion

- **Restating the Thesis**
 - Remind the reader of the main argument of your thesis statement by rewriting it in a fresh way to reflect the developments of your argument.
 - **Synthesize Key Points**
 - Emphasize the connections between your ideas to demonstrate a unified argument rather than a list of points.
 - **Broader Implication**
 - Discuss the broader significance of your argument. How does it affect the reader's understanding of the topic? Why is it important in a larger context, whether academic, social, or real-world?
 - **Call to Action or Final Thoughts**
 - Encourage the reader to take action or consider the subject further. Offer a thought-provoking insight, question, or challenge that extends beyond the scope of your paper.
- A strong conclusion reinforces the writer's position on the issue after presenting the facts. It also wraps up with the writer's own insights, highlighting the broader implications for the future of the issue.

Things to remember

- A conclusion does **not** introduce new ideas or arguments.
- Show how your ideas work together to support your thesis, rather than just listing or summarizing your main points.
- Bring the reader back to the broader context introduced in your introduction. Reflect on the larger implications of your argument.
- Your conclusion should leave the reader with a clear understanding of why your argument matters and what they should take away from your essay.

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