



# Writing a Conclusion

## WHAT IS A CONCLUSION?

"It is your final word on your subject and your last chance to influence your readers, to demonstrate the importance of your ideas, and to suggest the broader implications of your thesis (Kirszner and Mandell 58–59).

## WHEN WRITING...

Your conclusion should do two things:

- reinforce your main point
- give a sense of closure

A conclusion should not:

- introduce new points



## STRATEGIES FOR WRITING A CONCLUSION

### 1. Restate your key points and thesis

- a. While you don't want to use the same words or language, if your essay is long and has many points, it's not a bad idea to remind your reader of those key points and arguments made.

### 2. Recommend a course of action

- a. You can also end with a call to action. Providing the next steps for someone who is interested in your topic and wants to take action can be a strong way to end with a sense of finality and purpose.

### 3. Make a prediction

- a. Likewise, making a prediction of what will happen if action is or isn't taken can show the importance of the issue. However, your prediction should follow logically from the points made in your essay.

### 4. End with a relevant quotation

- a. Similar to starting with a quote, you can end with a relevant quote, but you want to ensure the quote is clearly connected to your essay.