



CONCLUSION PARAGRAPHS

WHAT'S A CONCLUSION?

A conclusion paragraph is the place to answer the question "so what?" and show the relevance of ideas and themes brought forth earlier in the paper. Restating themes/thesis, sharing opinions, possible implications, and calls to action are all appropriate things to include in a to conclusion paragraph.

The goal is to tie everything together, and show the reader that the paper accomplished everything it was intended to.

VARIANCE AMONG DISCIPLINES

The purpose of a conclusion paragraph can vary depending on what discipline or field the writing is for. For example, conclusions in a science lab report would seek to support or contradict the hypothesis. Whereas in a literature class, a conclusion would focus more on restating the thesis statement and claiming the relevance of the analysis.

Use good judgement to determine the purpose of your conclusion paragraph, and take advantage of examples from other writers in your discipline as a reference point.

HOW DO I START?

Start by revisiting your main idea/argument/claim. Brainstorm a way to restate it and get your point across without repeating words you have already used in your introduction.

Then, think big picture. Explain why your claims are significant to the larger conversation. Essentially, tell your reader why your ideas are important, and suggest what might come next.