

# Writing a Conclusion for an Essay

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The conclusion is the last paragraph of an essay. Although often brief in comparison with the other paragraphs, the conclusion performs a number of very significant functions.

When writing a conclusion for your essay, it's helpful to keep these basic considerations in mind:

- a)  
Your conclusion is the last paragraph that your reader will encounter.
  
- b)  
Your conclusion should remind your reader about the most important aspects of your essay.
  
- c)  
In most essays, therefore, your conclusion should creatively restate the main idea of the essay.
  
- d)  
Your conclusion should also leave your reader even more interested in your topic and idea.
  
- e)  
For some essays, especially for persuasive or argumentative essays, it's particularly effective to end your conclusion by directly addressing your reader with a question or call for action.

Be sure to spend a good deal of time planning and writing your conclusion. A strong conclusion can resolve and fulfill your essay as a whole and make a real impact on your reader.

