

Essays → Writing a Good Concluding Paragraph Level: Elementary School

A good concluding paragraph has very similar information to the information in the introduction. The difference between the introduction and the conclusion is that the introduction begins with general information and leads to the specific points; whereas, the conclusion begins with the specific points and ends more generally.

Read the sentence pairs below. One is the first sentence of the introduction (more general); the other is the first sentence of the conclusion (more specific) in the same essay. Mark one sentence with “I” for introduction and the other with “C” for conclusion.

1. ___ Jim Henson’s gift as a puppeteer allowed him to reach audiences including children, families, and adults through his television and film productions.

___ Jim Henson’s audiences for shows and movies like Sesame Street, Saturday Night Live, and The Muppet Movie responded to his humor and showmanship and his ability to reach people of different ages and interests.

2. ___ California leads the nation in both population and fruit production, and its land size is third in the country, following only Alaska and Texas.

___ The state of California stands out for its abundance of produce, people, and land.

3. ___ The government of the United States is organized into three branches, the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Supreme Court.

___ The Supreme Court, the Legislative Branch, and the Executive Branch of the United States government act within a system of checks and balances, limiting each branch’s powers.

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