

Essays → Writing a Good Concluding Paragraph

Level: Middle School

A good concluding paragraph summarizes the essay, shows you proved the point you set out to make, gives the reader a sense of completion, and leaves the reader remembering your main point. That is a big job for one little paragraph. Be careful! It is easy to include information in the concluding paragraph that does not belong.

Read the list of paragraph elements. Put a check mark for the elements that belong in a concluding paragraph. Put an X for the elements that do not belong.

1. ____ A summary of the main point of the essay
2. ____ The thesis statement
3. ____ A topic sentence that is general
4. ____ A topic sentence that is specific
5. ____ A teaser
6. ____ A concluding sentence that is general
7. ____ "In conclusion..."
8. ____ A concluding sentence that is specific
9. ____ A summary of a main point that leaves readers with something to think about
10. ____ A mention of the main points your essay will cover
11. ____ Questions for further study
12. ____ Supporting details
13. ____ A suggestion for action
14. ____ A hook

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