WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The introduction and conclusion frame your essay. The conclusion restates the thesis of the essay, and presents the significance of what you have talked about. A well written conclusion will make an essay feel complete.

What is the purpose of the conclusion?
The conclusion to your essay is a closing statement, a signal to readers that you have not simply stopped writing, but have actually finished. This is not a place for new information. New information causes readers to change their focus away from what you’ve said. The conclusion completes the essay, wrapping it up neatly; this is why the conclusion usually begins with a restatement of your thesis statement and ends with a suggestion of how your main idea has significance in the world beyond the essay. In general, the purpose is to give your reader a sense of discovery and satisfaction.

What is a good conclusion?
A good conclusion has the opposite structure of a good introduction. It is like an upright triangle, beginning with a focused paraphrase of your main point, and then broadening its scope to indicate the significance of your thesis in a larger context.

Some strategies for the conclusion:
- Summarize the paper
- Restate your thesis and reflect on its importance or implication
- Echo the approach of the introduction (restate the main idea in different words and from a slightly different angle)
- Include an insight that readers would not have understood before reading your paper
- Give a compelling example that reinforces your idea
- Appeal to your readers emotions
Don’t forget: students can always ask tutors or their teachers for an explanation of anything that’s not clear.

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Online:

**Writing Center: Introductions and Conclusions**

**Strategies for Writing a Conclusion**

**Guide to Writing a Basic Essay**