**What is a conclusion?**

* A conclusion is what you will leave with your reader
* It “wraps up” your essay
* It demonstrates to the reader that you accomplished what you set out to do
* It shows how you have proved your thesis
* It provides the reader with a sense of closure on the topic

**Structure**

* A conclusion is the opposite of the introduction
* Remember that the introduction begins general and ends specific
* The conclusion begins specific and moves to the general

**Essay Structure**

* So, if we use shapes to demonstrate the essay’s content, it would look like this:

Introduction



Thesis statement

Body of Essay

rectangle

Rephrased thesis statement



Conclusion

**What to include**

* Your conclusion wraps up your essay in a tidy package and brings it home for your reader
* Your topic sentence should summarize what you said in your thesis statement
  + This suggests to your reader that you have accomplished what you set out to accomplish
* Do not simply restate your thesis statement, as that would be redundant
  + Rephrase the thesis statement with fresh and deeper understanding
* Your conclusion is no place to bring up new ideas
* Your supporting sentences should summarize what you have already said in the body of your essay
  + If a brilliant idea tries to sneak into the final paragraph, you must pluck it out and let it have its own paragraph in the body, or leave it out completely
* Your topic for each body paragraph should be summarized in the conclusion
  + Wrap up the main points
* Your closing sentence should help the reader feel a sense of closure
* Your closing sentence is your last word on the subject; it is your “clincher”
  + Demonstrate the importance of your ideas
  + Propel your reader to a new view of the subject
  + End on a positive note
* Your closing sentence should make your readers glad they read your paper

**Concluding strategies that do not work**

* Beginning with an unnecessary, overused phrase
* These may work in speeches, but they come across as wooden and trite in writing
  + “in conclusion”
  + “in summary”
  + “in closing”
  + “as shown in the essay”
* Stating the thesis for the very first time
* Introducing a new idea or subtopic in your conclusion
* Making sentimental, emotional appeals that are out of character with the rest of the paper
* Including evidence (quotations, statistics, etc.) that should be in the body of the paper

**Whats important**

**Summarize / RESTATE THE THESIS ST / KEY WORDS**

**Ineffective conclusions**

* + Restates the thesis and is usually painfully short
  + Does not push ideas forward
  + Written when the writer can’t think of anything else to say
  + Example
    - In conclusion, Frederick Douglass was, as we have seen, a pioneer in American education, proving that education was a major force for social change with regard to slavery.
* “America the Beautiful”
  + Draws on emotion to make its appeal
  + Out of character with the rest of the paper
* “Grab Bag”
  + Includes extra information thought of or found but couldn’t integrate into the main body
  + Creates confusion for the reader

**Conclusion outline**

* Topic sentence
  + Fresh rephrasing of thesis statement
* Supporting sentences
  + Summarize or wrap up the main points in the body of the essay
  + Explain how ideas fit together
* Closing sentence
  + Final words
  + Connects back to the introduction
  + Provides a sense of closure

EXAMPLE

.**[Restate Thesis & Revisit Value of Essay]**It is clear that the only acceptable way of ensuring the safety of airline passengers is to begin a program to issue Safe Traveler Cards or national ID cards to United States citizens. **[Review Main Points]** These cards would screen out those who are unlikely to be terrorists and would also eliminate the delays that currently characterize air travel. Most important, they would help prevent terrorists from high jacking American Planes. At the same time, by making racial profiling unnecessary, these cards would help protect personal and civil liberties of Americans. **[Leave Reader Thinking]** Only by instituting a national ID card system can the U.S. make certain that the terrorists who attacked the United States did not hijack the liberties that are so precious to us.

<https://www.time4writing.com/writing-resources/writing-a-good-conclusion-paragraph/>

<https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Conclusionpgphs.html>

It is clear that the second world war changed the world order and affected international economy. New economic powers came to the surface as most of them were allies. The powerful nations of the axis suffered from the collapse of the infrastructure that had a direct impact on their economic status. Some of the poor countries got only poorer and faced many issues to be reintegrated in a new world order. By the end of the war, many nations and millions of people had to adapt to a new economy and strive to survive in a new world.