

Conclusions

Conclusions signify the end of an essay. An effective conclusion influences the reader to agree with your argument and invites them to relate your points to their own experiences.

The most important elements in a conclusion are:

- A restatement of the topic in the introduction
- A restatement of the thesis
- A restatement of the most essential points of the body paragraphs
- An acknowledgement of counterarguments (if relevant)
- A call to action (if relevant)

When restating your points, remember to synthesize, not summarize. Show the reader how your points work together to support your thesis.

When writing a conclusion, avoid:

- “In conclusion” or “In summary” statements
- Introducing the thesis for the first time
- Introducing new ideas
- Making emotional statements if the paper is analytical
- Introducing new evidence that belongs in the body paragraphs

For more tips, visit UNC Chapel Hill’s resource [here](#).



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